

SARDAR PATEL UNIVERSITY
Programme: MSC (Forensic Science)
Semester: IV
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| Paper Code: PS04CFSC01 | Total Credits: 4 |
| Title Of Paper: Questioned Document | |

| Unit | Description in detail | Weightage (%) |
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| 1 | Nature and problems of document examination, classification of documents, procurements of standard admitted/specimen writing, handling and making of documents, preliminary examination of documents, basis of hand writing identification, variation in genuine handwriting- natural variations, process of comparison. Basic tools needed for forensic documents examination and their use. | 25 % |
| 2 | Various types of documents- genuine and forge documents and holographic documents. Disguised writing and anonymous letters- identification of writer. Examination of signature- characteristics of genuine and forge signature, writing instrument and their influence on handwriting, Examination of alteration, erasers, overwriting, addition and obliteration, decipherment of secret, indented and charred documents, examination of sealed impression and other mechanical impression. Photography of documents. | 25 % |
| 3 | Examination of age of documents by examination of signature, paper, ink and writing etc., Credit cards, forensic stylistics, linguistics, e-documents, digital signature, An introduction to computer forensics, opinion writing and reason for opinion. Various types of printing security documents, printing and examination of counterfeit currency notes, passport, Visa, stamp, papers, postal stamps, lottery, etc. | 25 % |
| 4 | Examination of computer printout, identification of dot-matrix, ink-jet and laser printer, electronic typewriter, identification of type-writings, identification of typist, Examination of black and white, color Xeroxed copies, carbon copies, carbon copies, fax messages forgeries and their detections, examination of built up documents. | 25 % |

Basic Text & Reference Books:

- Forensic Science in Criminal investigation – B.R.Sharma.
- Crime Scene Management – M.S.Dahiya.
- Suspect Document – Wilson R. Harrison.
- Credit Cards: A legal guide – Rupa Mehta.
- Cross Examination of Handwriting Experts – Lal B.
- The identification of Handwriting & Cross Examination of Experts – M. K. Mehta.

