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PREFACE

Research is a systematic process of inquiry that enables individuals to explore questions, generate knowledge, understand complex issues, and develop practical solutions. In academic and professional environments, a clear understanding of research methodology is essential for conducting studies that are systematic, objective, reliable, and meaningful for society. The book *Fundamentals of Research Methodology: Concept and Applications* has been prepared to provide students, research scholars, educators, and professionals with a clear, practical, and comprehensive introduction to the principles and practices of research.

This book presents research methodology in a structured and application-oriented manner. It covers fundamental concepts of research, types of research, the research process, research design, sampling techniques, data collection methods, measurement and scaling, research instruments, data processing and analysis, hypothesis testing, qualitative research methods, research ethics, report writing, and the application of research to real-world problems.

Particular emphasis is placed on connecting theoretical concepts with practical applications. Examples, tables, illustrations, and case-based discussions are thoughtfully included to help readers understand how research methods can be applied across disciplines such as business, healthcare, education, technology, and social sciences.

The book is intended to develop not only methodological knowledge but also critical thinking, analytical ability, problem-solving skills, and ethical awareness. It encourages readers to approach research with curiosity, objectivity, integrity, and a commitment to evidence-based conclusions.

We hope this book serves as a useful academic resource for learning, teaching, research training, and practical research activities and academic projects. We also welcome constructive suggestions and feedback from readers for future improvement.

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