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A. Dissertation to be hard bound.

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   iii) Declaration by the student about the originality of work as per Annexure-III
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   v) Acknowledgement
   vi) Table of contents
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   ii) Statement of Problem
   iii) Objectives of Research
   iv) Hypothesis/Hypotheses
   v) Research Questions
   vi) Research Methodology
   vii) Survey of Literature
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iii. Margin of the left should be 1.5 inches, with top, bottom and right hand margin at 1 inch.

iv. Font size:
   - Level One Heading - Times New Roman, font size – 14, Numbered, Centered & Bold
   - Level Two Heading - Times New Roman & font size – 12, Left aligned & bold.
   - Level Three Heading – Times New Roman & font size – 12, left aligned & italicized
   - Font size to be used for the text shall be Times New Roman 12 with the line spacing of 1.5.
   - Font size for footnote shall be Times New Roman 10.

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- P.J. Fitzgerald (ed.), *Salmond on Jurisprudence* (Sweet and Maxwell, 12th edn, 2016)

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□ Id. (meaning ‘the same’) is used if the authority is the same but the page or place of reference is different. E.g. Id. at 30.

E. Websites  
E.g.-Sabyasachi Bhattacharya, Federalism and its alternatives-2

F. Reports  
Annexure I

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