

Syllabus for PhD Entrance Examination

Sociology

Part A-Research Methodology

01 Meaning and Nature of Social Research

- Nature of social phenomena
- Scientific method in social research
- The problem of objectivity in social research: fact and value

02 Formulation of Research problem

- Formulation of problem in Social research
- Hypotheses in social research
- Role of concepts in social research and development of science

03 Research Design and methods

- Meaning and Types of Research design
- Sampling and Scaling: Method and Techniques
- Quantitative Data Collection Techniques: Observation, Questionnaire, Schedule and Interview.
- Qualitative Data Collection Techniques: Participant Observation, Case Study Content Analysis, Oral History and life History,

04 Statistics and Problems of Measurement in Social Research

- Measure of Central Tendency: Mean, Median and Mode
- Measure of Dispersion
- Correlation Analysis
- Test of Significance
- Reliability and Validity

05 Data Analysis, Interpretation and Report Writing

- Classification of Data
- Coding
- Tabulation
- Report Writing
- Scope and significance of computer applications in research

Part-B Concepts, Theories and Contemporary Issues

06 Classical and Modern Sociological Theories

- Karl Marx, Emile Durkheim, Max weber, George Simmel, Ferdinand Tonnies , Vilfredo Pareto
- Structuralism: Radcliffe Brown Claude Levi Strauss, S.F Nadel
Functionalism & Neo Functionalism: Emile Durkheim, B. Malinowski
Talcott Parsons and Robert K. Merton.
- Conflict Theories: Marxist, Neo Marxist and Weberian theoretical tradition
- Critical Theories : Horkheimer, Adorno Marcuse & Habermas
- Exchange Theories: James Frazer , Malinowski, Homans and Peter Blau
- Theories of Action: Weber's Theory of Social Action , Symbolic Interactionism
- Social Constructionist perspective:
Phenomenology: Alfred Schutz, Peter Berger and Thomas Luckman
Ethnomethodology: Harold Garfinkel and Irving Goffman.

07 Structuration, Post Modernism , Theories of Globalization and Risk

- Michel Foucault
- Jacques Derrida
- Immanuel Wallerstein
- Ronald Robertson
- Anthony Giddens
- Ulrich Beck
- Pierre Bourdieu

08 Conceptualizing Indian Society : Theoretical Perspectives

- Indological Approach : G. S. Ghurye, Louis Dumount
- Structural –Functionalism : M. N. Srinivas, S.C. Dube
- Marxian perspective: D. P. Mukherjee, A.R Desai
- Civilizational Perspective: N.K Bose, Surjit Sinha
- Subaltern perspective : B.R Ambedkar, David Hardiman

09 Contemporary Issue of Indian Society

- Groups Communities and Cultural diversity in India
- Inequalities : Caste, Class, Gender
- Disparities and Disharmonies: Religion Region Language and Ethnicity
- Women and Family: Dowry Domestic Violence, Divorce
- Problems of the aged and intergenerational mobility
- Deviance and Crime: changing forms of crime and criminals
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10 Contemporary Debates and Challenges

- Secularism , Pluralism and Nation Building
- Polity , Economy, Health Education and professions in contemporary India: Issues and Challenges
- Globalization and Indian Society
- Population, Development , Displacement and Environment Degradation
- Social Movements in India
- Sexual minorities and identity : Problems and Prospects
- Agrarian distress and Farmers' suicide causes and consequences.

