

Syllabus for PhD Entrance Examination I Sociology

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Part-B Concepts, Theories and Contemporary Issues

06 Classical and Modern Sociological Theories

- Karl Marx, Emile Durkheim, Max Weber, George Simmel, Ferdinand Tönnies, Vilfredo Pareto
- Structuralism : Radcliffe Brown, Claude Lévi Strauss, S.F. Nadel
Functionalism & Neo Functionalism : Durkheim, Malinowski, Parsons and Merton.
- Conflict Theories: Marxist & Neo Marxist and Weberian theoretical tradition
- Critical Theories : Horkheimer, Adorno, Marcuse & Habermas
- Exchange Theories: James Frazer, Malinowski, Homans and Peter Balu
- 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
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08 Conceptualizing Indian Society : Theoretical Perspectives

- Indological Approach : G.S. Ghurye, Louis Dumont
- 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

10 Contemporary Debates and Challenges

- Secularism , pluralism and Nation Building
- Polity , Economy, Health Education and professions in contemporary India: Issues and Challenges
- Globalization , Development . Displacement and Environment degradation
- Social Movements in India
- Sexual minorities and identity : problems and prospects
- Agrarian distress and Farmers' suicide causes and consequences.3

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