

Syllabus for PhD Entrance Examination

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
- Sociometry
- 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

- Measures of Central Tendency: Mean, Median and Mode
- Measures 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 soft

Part B-Sociological Theory & Basic Concepts

06. Classical and Modern Sociological Theories

- Karl Marx, Emile Durkheim, Max Weber, George Simmel, Ferdinand Tönnies, Vilfredo Pareto
- *Structuralism*: Radcliffe Brown, Claude Levi 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 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 Dumont
- Structural-Functionalism: M. N. Srinivas, S.C. Dube
- Marxian Perspective: D. P. Mukherjee, A. R. Desai
- Civilizational Perspective: N.K. Bose, Surajit Sinha
- Subaltern perspective: B R Ambedkar, David Hardiman

09. Contemporary Issues of Indian Society

- 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-cyber crime

10. Contemporary Debates and Challenges

- Secularism, Pluralism and Nation Building
- Development, Displacement and Environmental degradation
- State and Social Movements: Peasant, Environmental, Women, anti
- Problems of sexual minorities
- Agrarian distress and Farmers' suicide
- State and Social Movements in India

Note: The Syllabus for PhD CET in sociology is approved by Board of Studies (PG)