

Syllabus for Ph.D. Entrance Test (2025-26)

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Part - A
RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

Chapter – I MEANING AND NATURE OF SOCIAL RESEARCH

1. The Scientific Method: Meaning and Basic Postulates of Scientific Method
2. Problem in the Study of Social Phenomena: Objectivity and Subjectivity
3. Qualitative and Quantitative Research Methods

Chapter – II RESEARCH PROCEDURE

1. Selection of Research Problem
2. Hypothesis: Meaning; Criteria for Hypotheses Construction
3. Sampling: Meaning and Types
4. Research Design

Chapter – III METHODS OF DATA COLLECTION

1. Primary Data
 - Observation, Interview and Case Study
 - Questionnaire and Schedule
2. Secondary Data

Chapter – IV ANALYSIS OF DATA AND REPORT WRITING

1. Classification, Editing, Coding and Tabulation
2. Analysis and Interpretation of Data
3. Report Writing and Types of Reports

Chapter – V STATISTICS IN SOCIAL RESEARCH

1. Measures of Central Tendency: Mean, Median and Mode
2. Measures of Dispersion
3. Correlation Analysis
4. Test of Significance

Chapter – VI GRAPHICAL AND DIAGRAMMATIC REPRESENTATION OF DATA

1. Line Chart, Bar Diagram, Multiple Bar Diagram
2. Histogram, Frequency Polygon and Frequency Curve
3. O-give Curves
4. Pie Chart

Part - B
CORE PAPER

Chapter – I SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY

1. Classical Sociological Traditions

- August Comte
- Herbert Spencer
- Emile Durkheim
- Max Weber
- Karl Marx

2. Structure - Functionalism and Structuralism

- Bronislaw Malinowski
- A. R. Radcliffe Brown
- Talcott Parsons
- Robert K. Merton
- Claude Levi Strauss

3. Hermeneutic and Interpretative Traditions

- G.H. Mead
- Karl Manheim
- Alfred Schutz
- Harold Garfinkel
- Erving Goffman

4. Post Modernism, Post Structuralism and Post Colonialism

- Pierre Bourdieu
- Michel Foucault
- Jurgen Habermas
- Anthony Giddens

5. Indian Thinkers

- M. K. Gandhi
- B. R. Ambedkar
- Radha Kamal Mukherjee
- G. S. Ghurye
- M. N. Srinivas
- Irawati Karve

Chapter – II BASIC CONCEPTS AND INSTITUTIONS

1. Sociological Concepts

- Social Structure
- Culture
- Status and Role
- Community
- Diaspora
- Values, Norms and Rules
- Bureaucracy, Power and Authority

2. Social Institutions

- Marriage, Family and Kinship
- Economy
- Polity
- Religion
- Education
- Law and Customs

3. Social Stratification

- Social Difference, Hierarchy, Inequality and Marginalization
- Caste and Class
- Gender, Sexuality and Disability
- Race, Tribe and Ethnicity

4. Social Change and Processes

- Evolution and Diffusion
- Modernization and Development
- Social Transformations and Globalization
- Social Mobility

Chapter – III FAMILY, MARRIAGE AND KINSHIP

- Theoretical Approaches: Structure-Functionalist, Alliance and Cultural
- Gender Relations and Power Dynamics
- Inheritance, Succession and Authority
- Gender, Sexuality and Reproduction
- Children, Youth and Elderly
- Emotions and Family
- Emergent Forms of Family
- Changing Marriage Practices
- Changing Care and Support Systems
- Family Laws
- Domestic Violence and Crime against Women
- Honour Killing

Chapter – IV CULTURE AND SYMBOLIC TRANSFORMATIONS

- Rituals, Beliefs and Practices
- Changing Material Culture
- Education: Formal and Informal
- Communalism and Secularism
- Cultural Identity and Mobilization
- Culture and Politics
- Ethics and Morality
- Sports and Culture
- Pilgrimage and Religious Tourism
- Religion and Economy
- Culture and Environment
- New Religious Movements

Chapter – V RURAL AND URBAN TRANSFORMATIONS

1. Rural and Peasant Society

- Caste-Tribe Settlements
- Agrarian Social Structure and Emergent Class Relations
- Land Ownership and Agrarian Relations
- Agrarian Unrest and Peasant Movements
- Changing Inter-Community Relations and Violence

2. Urban Society

- Urbanism, Urbanity and Urbanization
- Towns, Cities and Mega-Cities
- Industry, Service and Business
- Neighbourhood, Slums

Chapter – VI STATE, POLITICS AND DEVELOPMENT

1. Political Processes in India

- Bureaucracy
- Governance and Development
- Public Policy: Health, Education and Livelihoods
- Political Culture
- Grass-root Democracy
- Law and Society
- Gender and Development
- Corruption
- Role of International Development Organizations

2. Social Movements and Protests

- Political Factions, Pressure Groups
- Movements based on Caste, Ethnicity, Ideology, Gender, Disability, Religion and Region
- Civil Society and Citizenship
- NGOs, Activism and Leadership
- Reservations and Politics

Chapter – VII ENVIRONMENT AND SOCIETY

- Ecosystem
- Technological Change, Agriculture and Biodiversity
- Gender and Environment
- Forest Policies, Adivasis and Exclusion
- Ecological Degradation and Migration
- Development, Displacement and Rehabilitation
- Water and Social Exclusion
- Disasters and Community Responses
- Environmental Pollution, Public Health and Disability
- Climate Change and International Policies
- Environmental Movements

Chapter – VIII SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND SOCIETY

- History of Technological Development
- Virtual Community
- Media: Print and Electronic, Visual and Social Media
- E-Governance and Surveillance Society
- Technology and Emerging Political Processes
- State Policy, Digital Divide and Inclusion
- Technology and Changing Family Relations
- Technology and Changing Health Systems
- Food and Technology
- Cyber Crime

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