

Ph.D. Entrance Test - SYLLABUS - 2020

Sociology

Part -1

Research Methodology (50%)

Unit -1. Meaning, Nature and Methodological Approach in Social Research

- The Scientific Method
- The problems in the study of social phenomena: objectivity, fact and value
- Social Survey and anthropological approach, perspective from below, subaltern Dimensions

Unit -2 Qualitative Methods

- Survey techniques - meaning - Important Limitations
- Hypothesis
- Sampling
- Research Design:- Explanatory design, Descriptive design, Diagnostic, Experimental, Historical design , Comparative design
- Techniques of data collection

Unit – 3 Qualitative Methods

- Ethno methodology
- Symbolic Interactions
- Phenomenology
- Participant observation - Ethnography
- Interview guide - Case study method
- Content analysis - Oral History, Genealogy
- Group discussion, Focus Group discussion
- Census - N.S.S., Data search in Secondary Sources and Use
- (Book, Journals, Internet and Other Sources)

Unit – 4 Statistics in Social Research

- Meaning of statistics. Important Limitations.
- Scaling, Measures of Central tendency, Mean, Median, Mode
- Correlation Analysis - Tests of significance.
- Classification
- Dialogism Research - Objectivity, Validity, reliability
- Value neutrality
- Methodological dilemmas and issues in qualitative research.
- Interpretative Understanding
- Encounters in field work.

Part - 2
Core subject (50%) (UGC NET Paper II Syllabus)

A : SOCIOLOGICAL CONCEPTS

1. Nature of Sociology

Definition

Sociological Perspective

2. Basic Concepts

Community

Institution Association

Culture

Norms and Values

3. Social Structure

Status and role, their interrelationship

Multiple roles, Role set. Status set, Status sequence

Role conflict

4. Social Group Meaning

Types : Primary-Secondary, Formal-Informal, Ingroup-Outgroup, Reference group

5. Social Institutions Marriage

Family

Education

Economy

Polity

Religion

6. Socialization

Socialization, Resocialization, Anticipatory socialization, Adult socialization Agencies of socialization Theories of socialization

7. Social Stratification

Social differentiation, Hierarchy and Inequality Forms of stratification :

Caste, Class, Gender, Ethnic Theories of social stratification Social mobility

8. Social Change

Concepts and Types : Evolution, Diffusion, Progress, Revolution, Transformation, Change in structure and Change of structure

Theories : Dialectical and Cyclical

B : SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY

9. Structural

Nadel

Radcliffe Brown Levi-
Strauss

10. Functional

Malinowski Durkheim
Parsons Merton

11. Interactionist

Social action : Max Weber, Pareto
Symbolic interactionism : G. H. Mead, Blumer

12. Conflict Karl Marx

Dahrendorf Coser
Collins

C : METHODOLOGY

13. Meaning and Nature of Social Research

Nature of social phenomena The scientific
method

The problems in the study of social phenomena : Objectivity and subjectivity, fact and value

14. Quantitative Methods

Survey

Research Design and its types Hypothesis

Sampling i

Techniques of data collection : Observation, Questionnaire, Schedule, Interview

15. Qualitative Methods

Participant observation Case study

Content analysis Oral history

Life history v

16. Statistics in Social Research

Measures of Central Tendency : Mean, Median, Mode Measures of
dispersion Correlational analysis Test of significance Reliability and
Validity