

Faculty of Social Sciences
Ph. D Entrance Examination Syllabus
Sociology

Part - A

I: PRINCIPLES OF SOCIOLOGY

UNIT I: Sociology - Its Definitions, Nature, Scope, Theoretical Perspectives and Basic Orientation of Sociological Theories

UNIT II: Basic Concepts – Society, Typology of Society: Community – Association – Culture. Social Group, Elements of Social Structure and Social System

UNIT III: Social Processes, Socialization

UNIT IV: Social Institutions

UNIT V: Social Stratification and Mobility, Social Control, Social Change

II: INDIAN SOCIETY: STRUCTURE AND CHANGE

UNIT I: Approaches to the Study of Indian Society - Indological / Textual Perspectives: Manu, Ghurye, Louis Dumont. Structural-Functional Perspective: MN Srinivas, SC Dube. Marxist Perspective: DP Mukherjee, AR Desai. Civilizational Perspective: NK Bose, Surajit Sinha. Subaltern Perspective: Phule, BR Ambedkar, David Hardiman. Ethnic Formation of Indian Society - Indo-Aryans, Dravidians and Aborigines and their contributions to the making of India's Social Structure and Culture – Critical Appraisals. Civilization: Unique Vs. Mosaic Theory of Indian Society.

UNIT II: Foundation of Indian Social Organization: *Varnashramas* – *Purusharthas* – *Guna* - *Karma* - Rebirth and their Interpretation in Ancient and Contemporary Context. *Varna* – Caste: Features and Theories of Origin of Caste. Emergence of Jainism and Buddhism – Their Social Base, Philosophers and their Influences on Social Structure and Culture. Economy and Polity of Kautilya – Foundations of Adwaitha, Dwaitha, Visistadwaitha etc. - Jajmani System.

UNIT III: Advent of Islam and Zoroastrianism: Cultural Syncretism and Emergence of Divergent World-Views and Social Classes - Sufism and Bhakti Movements. Colonial Period: Advent of British and Christianity - Emergence of Modern Structures and Classes - Agrarian Social Structure & Unrest, Land Reforms, Education, Bureaucracy.

UNIT IV: Dissent, Protest, Reformation - Intellectual Responses: European and Indian Thinkers - Max Muller, Karl Marx, Max Weber - Rajaram Mohan Roy, Dayanada Saraswathi, Vivekananda, Gandhi, Ambedkar, M.N. Roy. Revivalism: Westernization, Sanskritization, Hindutva.

UNIT V: Post-Colonial Development: Indian Constitution and its Idea of Democracy, Secularism, Egalitarianism – Constitutional Provisions for SC, ST, BC and Women – Planning

and Development. Tensions and Conflicts in India: Linguism, Castesim, Regionalism, Communalism - Social Movements – Globalization and Emerging Trends.

III: CLASSICAL SOCIOLOGICAL THINKERS

Unit I: Auguste Comte- Positivism, Hierarchy of Sciences, Law of three stages – Social Static and Dynamic.

UNIT II: Herbert Spencer Organicism and Social Darwinism, Functionalism, Evolution of Societies - Military and Industrial Society. Vilfredo Pareto - Logical and Non-logical actions; Residues and Derivatives, Circulation of Elites, Thorstein Veblen - Institutional economics, Conspicuous Consumption, Conspicuous Leisure, Leisure class,

UNIT III: Karl Marx, Dialectical Materialism and Materialistic Interpretation of History, Social Classes, Class Domination, Class Consciousness and Class Conflict – Surplus Value - Alienation and its Social Implications. Ideology and Capitalism - Theory of Religion.

UNIT IV: Emile Durkheim, Rules of Sociological Method: Social Facts, Division of Labour, Social Solidarity - Mechanical and Organic. Collective Consciousness and Anomie, Elementary Forms of Religious life: Nature of Religion, Sacred and Profane. Totemism; Beliefs, Rites. Suicide; Types and Causes; Suicide and Social Structure.

UNIT V: Max Weber - Social Action, Types of Meaningful Action (Verstehen Causality & Ideal Type). Values; Value Relevance, Value Reference, Value Judgment, Social Action and Its Typologies – Power, Domination, Authority, Legitimacy – Types of Domination, Class Status, Party and Market, Life Styles and Life Chances – Capitalism: Protestant Ethic Thesis and World Religious History, Rationalization Disenchantment.

VI: MODERN SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY

UNIT-I: Introduction to Functional and Middle Range Theories - Talcott Parsons: Social Action and Social System – AGIL Paradigm – Social Evolution - Pattern Variables; Robert K. Merton - Middle Range Theory – Functional Analysis and Functional Alternatives – Theory of Cultural Anomie and Deviance;

Unit-II: Introduction to Conflict Theory - CW Mills - Power Elite - Class Relationship and Alliance - Sociological Imagination; Ralf Dahrendorf - Theory of Conflict - Class and Class Conflict in Industrial Society; Lewis Coser - The Functions of Social Conflict; George Simmel - Foundations of Conflict Theory - Levels of concern - Dialectical thinking - Individual consciousness – Sociability; Social Geometry – Philosophy of Money and Stranger – Secrecy, Filtration and Fashion.

UNIT-III: Overview on Neo-Marxism - Antonio Gramsci - Hegemony, Intellectuals and Education State & Civil Society, Historicism, Critique of Economism and Materialism; Althusser - Marx Thought and The Epistemological Break, Marxism -Levels & Practices, Contradiction and Over determination, State Apparatus: Ideological and Repressive; Nicos Poulontzas: Instrumental Marxism - Classes in Contemporary Capitalism – Political Power and Social Classes.

UNIT-IV: Symbolic Interactionism - Charles Horton Cooley; George Herbert Mead, Herbert Blumer. Exchange Theory: George Homans, Peter Blau.

UNIT-V: Anthony Giddens - Structure, Agency and Structuration; Phenomenology and Ethnomethodology: Alfred Schutz, Harold Garfinkel, Husserl, Goffman.

V: CONTEMPORARY SOCIOLOGICAL THEORIES

UNIT-I: Pre-Modernity: Great Chain of Being, Age of Renaissance and Enlightenment – Rene Descartes, Immanuel Kant, Condorcet, Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau, Voltaire, Francis Bacon and Tocqueville.

UNIT-II: The Project of Modernity: Classical theories – Karl Marx, Durkheim, Max Weber, George Simmel Contemporary Theories – Anthony Giddens, Ulrich Beck, George Ritzer, Zygmunt Bauman, Jurgen Habermas.

UNIT-III: Critique of Modernity: New Philosophy of Science – Karl Popper and Thomas Kuhn, Post-structuralism – Deleuze, Jacques Derrida, Michel Foucault and Julia Kristeva.

UNIT-IV: Critical Theory - Herbert Marcuse, Theodor Adorno and Horkheimer; Jurgen Habermas – Theory of World, Communicative Action – the Public Sphere; Eric Olin Wright – Sociology of Culture; Benedict Anderson – Imagined Communities; Aloysius - Nations and Nationalism.

UNIT-V: Idea and Condition of Post Modernity - Daniel Bell - Post Industrial Societies and The End of Ideology; Anthony Giddens, Zygmunt Bauman, Baudrillard, Lyotard, Foucault and Derrida on Post-Modernity; Frederic Jameson: Cultural logic of the late Capitalism; Critique of Post-Modernism: Alex Callinicos - Against Post-Modernism

VI: SOCIOLOGY OF DEVELOPMENT

UNIT I: Conceptual Perspective on Development - Concept of Change, Progress and Development, Economic Growth, Human Development, Social Development, Sustainable Development: Ecological and Social.

UNIT II: Theories of Development - Liberal Theories: Max Weber, Gunnar Myrdal. Economic Theory: Karl Marx. Dependency Theories: Frank's Centre-Periphery theory, Samir Amin's Under-development theory, Wallerstein's World System theory. Partial Theories: Theory of Big Push and Balanced Growth.

UNIT III: Paths of Development – Socialist, Mixed Model, Gandhian, Capitalist.

UNIT IV: Social Structures and Development - Social Structure as a facilitator/ inhibitor. Development and Socio-Economic Disparities. Gender and Development. Culture as an aid / impediment in Development.

UNIT V: Development Issues in India - Development Induced Displacement: SEZ, Dams, Industries. Issues in Resettlement and Rehabilitation. Development Planning and Policies: Industrial, Education, Agriculture, Health, Rural and Tribal Development.

Part- B

Research Methodology, Social Statistics and Computer Applications

UNIT-I: Sociology as a Science, Scientific Method and Social Research. Ethical Issues in Social Research: Subjectivity vs Objective Debate, Value Neutrality. Types of Research: Pure and Applied - Qualitative and Quantitative - Cross-sectional and Time Series. Purpose of Research: Exploration, Description and Explanation. Theory and Research – Concepts, Construct, Values, Hypothesis –Major Steps in Social Research. Research Design – Aims and Importance – Types of Research Design – Exploratory Design - Descriptive Design – Experimental Design – Their Advantages and Disadvantages.

UNIT-II: Sampling Techniques: Universe/Population, Characteristics of Sample, Criteria for Sample Size – Sample Size Formulas - Sampling Design: Probability and Non-Probability Methods -Sampling Errors. Qualitative Methods and Techniques of Data Collection: Question and Answer Method, Method of Doubt, Observation, Dialectic Method, Narrative Analysis, Discourse Analysis, Interview, Case Study, Ethnography, Focus Group Study, Content Analysis, Hermeneutics, Deconstruction, Ethnomethodology, PRA/PLA, Oral History, Story-telling Method, Life-Story Method, Participant-Consultant Method, Photo-Voice Method. - Grounded Theory – Mixed Methods. Quantitative Tool of Data Collection: Social Survey: Interview Schedule – Questionnaire – Survey Format.

UNIT-III: Data Processing, Classification, Tabulation and Analysis. Social Statistics - Importance and Usage. Typological Statistical Data – Formation of Frequency Distribution Tables –Diagrammatic and Graphic Representation of Data. Measures of Central Tendency: Mean, Median, Mode – Quartile, Decile, Percentile. Measures of Dispersion: Maximum, Skewness, Kurtosis, Variance, Standard/Mean Deviation. Minimum, Range,

UNIT-IV: Measures of Association/Relations: Correlation and Regression. Measures of Testing of Hypothesis: Parametric tests: T-test, Z-test, ANOVA & MANOVA (F-test), Post-Hoc Tests, Test of Homogeneity, Non-Parametric tests: Chi-square, Phi-test, R-test etc.

Unit – V : Introduction to Spread Sheet Packages: Ms-Excel, SPSS–Coding and Recoding – Their Silent Features - Usage in Data Analysis. Research Report Writing – Purpose, Audience – Format, Tones & Styles (Citation & References)

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Time: Two hours

Maximum 100 Marks

Section – A
Answer all Questions
All Questions carry equal marks(50x1=50)

1Q. (Q).....

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2Q. (Q).....

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Section – B
Answer all Questions
All Questions carry equal marks(50x1=50)

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52Q. (Q).....

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