

Department of Sociology
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M. Phil / Ph. D. Entrance Test Syllabus

Unit I

- Historical and socio-economic background of the emergence of sociology.
- Contributions of Emile Durkheim; Karl Marx; Max Weber
- Structuralism: Assumptions and Postulates, Contributions of C. Levi- Strauss; Post- Structuralism: Jacques Derrida and Michel Foucault; Structuration: Anthony Giddens
- Functionalism: Premises and Propositions, Contributions of A.R. Radcliff-Brown, Bronislaw Malinowski, R. K. Merton, Parsons and AGIL model
- Symbolic Interactionism; Phenomenology; Ethnomethodology

Unit II

- Basic Concepts: Society, Community Association
- Values and Norms; Status and Role; Social Groups
- Social Institutions: Family, Marriage, Kinship, Religion,
- Social Processes: Socialization, Social Change, Social Conflict and Social Control

Unit III

- Elements of Scientific methods and various steps in social research
- Basic concepts: Hypothesis, theory and facts, facts and values; Induction and Deduction in Social Research
- Research Design and its Types
- Qualitative Research Techniques: Observation, Case Study Method and Content Analysis
- Quantitative Research Techniques: Questionnaire, Interview Schedule, Sociometry, Triangulation.
- Sampling; Data Analysis; Report writing

Unit IV

- Approaches to Study Indian Society: Structural–Functional: M.N. Srinivas, S.C. Dube; Indological: G.S. Ghurye, Louis Dumont; Marxian: D.P. Mukherjee, A.R. Desai; Subaltern: B.R. Ambedkar
- Caste and Class; Jajmani System; Panchayati Raj Institution
- Processes of Social Change in India: Sanskritization, Islamization, Westernization, Secularization and Modernization
- Focused areas of Development in India: Women, Children, Aged, Minorities; Poverty Alleviation and Rural Development Programmes