

M.PHIL/Ph.D. Entrance Test - SYLLABUS Sociology

Part -1

Research Methodology (50%)

NB: The Research Methodology of 50 MCQs will constitute questions related to English Proficiency, Reasoning Ability, Basic Computer Skills; each of 5 questions – total 15 and 35 Questions of subject specific Research Methodology

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

- 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)

- 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