

# M.PHIL/Ph.D. Entrance Test - SYLLABUS - 2017

## 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
  
- 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  
Cosser 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