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SYLLABUS FOR PH. D. ENTRANCE TEST IN SOCIOLOGY

Section-A: Research Methodology

Unit-I Philosophical foundations

Positivism, Interpretivism, Critical, Feminism and Post-modernism

Unit-II Methodological orientations

Quantitative methodology, Qualitative methodology, participatory research methodology and Multimethodology

Fact, method, technique, methodology, paradigm and theory building

Concept and measurement, Variables, Levels of measurement, Reliability and validity

Unit-III Process of Social research

Basic research strategies, theory and research, review of the literature, hypothesis, research design, sampling techniques: probability and non-probability

Unit-IV Methods of Data

Quantitative methods: postal questionnaires, Schedule and structured interviews, use of secondary sources-official statistics

Qualitative methods: observation, participant observation, grounded theory, case study, content analysis and unstructured interviews, use of secondary sources - personal documents (diaries, letters and personal accounts)

Unit-V Analysis of Data

Quantitative analysis, statistical analysis-SPSS

Qualitative analysis

Interpretation and research findings

Section-B: Specific to Sociology

Unit-I Basic concepts in sociology

Society, community, association, institution, Social group, kinship, culture, social structure, social system, status and role, norms and values, social action, social interaction, social stratification, social mobility, social differentiation, social exclusion, social Inclusion, deprivation

Unit-II Socio-cultural processes and Change

Socialization, acculturation, assimilation, accommodation, maladjustment, integration, cooperation, competition, conflict
Social change, social process, evolution, diffusion, progress, revolution, transformation, social development, globalization, social movement
Social control, law and customs, deviance, conformity, social disorganization, social discontent

Unit-III Classical Sociologists

Auguste Comte, Karl Marx, Emile Durkheim, Max Weber, Vilfredo Pareto

Unit-IV Indian Sociologists

G. S. Ghurye, Louis Dumont, M.N. Srinivas, S.C. Dube, D.P. Mukerji, A.R. Desai, B.R. Ambedkar, David Hardiman, N. K. Bose, Leela Dube, Yogendra Singh

Unit-V Sociological Theories

Structural-functionalism, conflict theory, Symbolic Interactionism, social exchange theory, phenomenology, ethnomethodology, neo-functionalism, neo-Marxism, feminism, structuralism, post-modernism