

Department of Sociology
Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gorakhpur University, Gorakhpur

Syllabus for P.G. Programme (M.A. in Sociology) Entrance Examination

Unit 1: Sociology as a Discipline:

- Nature and subject matter of Sociology
- Schools of Thought: Formalistic and Synthetic
- Emergence of sociology as a Scientific Discipline: French Revolution, Industrial revolution and Enlightenment Period

Unit 2: Basic Concepts:

- Society: Concept and features
- Community: Concept and features
- Social Groups: Primary, Secondary and Reference

Unit 3: Social Institutions:

- Family: Structure and Function
- Marriage: Structure and Function
- Kinship: Consanguineous and Affinal
- Religion

Unit 4: Social Processes:

- Socialization
- Social Change
- Social Control

Unit 5: Social Movements:

- Social Movements: Concept, Features and Types
- Theories of Social Movements: Relative Deprivation Theory and Conflict Theory
- Social Movements in India: Tribal, Peasant, Feminist and Environmental

Unit 6: Social Stratification:

- Social Stratification: Concept, Nature and Forms
- Perspectives on Social Stratification: Functionalist, Conflict and Weberian
- Social Mobility: Modernization and Sanskritization

Unit 7: Research Methodology in Social Sciences:

- Nature and Scope of Social Research
- Research design: Concept and Significance
- Data Collection: Primary and Secondary Sources

Unit 8: Tools and Techniques of Data Collection:

- Sampling: Meaning, Types and Significance
- Questionnaire
- Interview
- Observation

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Unit 9: Classical Sociological Thought:

- Auguste Comte: Positivism, Hierarchy of Sciences
- Herbert Spencer: Social Evolution, Society as an Organism
- Emile Durkheim: Social Facts, Suicide
- Karl Marx: Concept of Class and Class Conflict, Concept of Social Change
- Max Weber: Verstehen, Social action, Power and Authority

Unit10: Structure and composition of Indian Society

- Composition of Indian Society: Village, Town City Rural-Urban Linkages, Cultural and Ethnic Diversity
- Basic Institution of Indian Society: Caste, Class, Marriage, Joint Family, Religion
- Convergence of Caste and Class in Indian Society
- Tribal Communities in India

Unit 11: Emergence, Development and Pioneers of Sociology in India

- Phases of Development of Sociology in India
- Major Schools of Indian Sociology (Bombay, Lucknow, Gorakhpur)
- Contributions of G.S. Ghurye, Iravati Karve, Radha kamal Mukhrjee, M.N. Srinivas, S.P. Nagendra

Unit 12: Development:

- Concept, Economic Development, Human Development, Social Development
- Sustainable Development
- Theories of Development

Unit 13: Issues of Development In India:

- Problems of Developing Societies
- Development and Displacement
- Climate Change and Global Warming

Unit 14: Social Problems in India:

- Structural Problems: Poverty, Caste Inequality, Problems of Religious and Ethnic Groups
- Familial Problems: Domestic Violence, Dowry, Inter and Intra generational Conflict
- Drug and Alcohol Abuse, Terirriosm and Cyber Crime

Unit 15: Deviance and Crime:

- Concept and Meaning of Deviance
- Concept and Classification of Crime
- Theories of Deviance and Crime
- Measures to curb crimes in India

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