

SAURASHTRA UNIVERSITY

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FACULTY OF ARTS

SOCIOLOGY

Ph.D. Entrance Test – 2022

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

Sociology Syllabus

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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.

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SUBJECT: SOCIOLOGY

Unit -1 : Sociological Theory

1. Classical Sociological Traditions
 - Emile Durkheim
 - Max Weber
 - Karl Marx
2. Structure- Functionalism and Structuralism
 - Bronislaw Malinowski
 - A.R. Radcliffe- Brown
 - Talcott Parsons
 - Robert K. Merton
 - Claude Levi Strauss
3. Hermeneutic and Interpretative Traditions
 - G.H. Mead
 - Karl Manheim
 - Alfred Schutz
 - Harold Garfinkel
 - Erving Goffman
 - Clifford Geertz
4. Post Modernism, Post Structuralism and Post Colonialism
 - Edward Said
 - Pierre Bourdieu
 - Michel Foucault
 - Jurgen Habermas
 - Anthony Giddens
 - Manuel Castells
5. Indian Thinkers
 - M.K. Gandhi

- B.R. Ambedkar
- Radha Kamal Mukherjee
- G. S. Ghurye
- M.N. Srinivas
- Irawati Karve

Unit - 2 : Research Methodology and Methods

1. Conceptualizing Social Reality
 - Philosophy of Science
 - Scientific Method and Epistemology in Social Science
 - Hermeneutic Traditions
 - Objectivity and Reflexivity in Social Science
 - Ethics and Politics
2. Formulating Research Design
 - Reading Social Science Research, Data and Documents
 - Induction and Deduction
 - Fact, Concept and Theory
 - Hypotheses, Research Questions, Objectives
3. Quantitative and Qualitative Methods
 - Ethnography
 - Survey Method
 - Historical Method
 - Comparative Method
4. Techniques
 - Sampling
 - Questionnaire and Schedule
 - Statistical Analysis
 - Observation, Interview and Case study
 - Interpretation, Data Analysis and Report Writing

Unit -3 : Basic Concepts and Institutions

1. Sociological Concepts
 - Social Structure
 - Culture
 - Network
 - Status and Role
 - Identity
 - Community
 - Diaspora

- Values, Norms and Rules
- Personhood, Habitus and Agency
- Bureaucracy, Power and Authority

2. Social Institutions

- Marriage, Family and Kinship
- Economy
- Polity
- Religion
- Education
- Law and Customs

3. Social Stratification

- Social Difference, Hierarchy, Inequality and Marginalization
- Caste and Class
- Gender, Sexuality and Disability
- Race, Tribe and Ethnicity

5. Social Change and Processes

- Evolution and Diffusion
- Modernization and Development
- Social Transformations and Globalization
- Social Mobility

Unit – 4 : Rural and Urban Transformations

1. Rural and Peasant Society

- Caste-Tribe Settlements
- Agrarian Social Structure and Emergent Class Relations
- Land Ownership and Agrarian Relations
- Decline of Agrarian Economy, De-Peasantization and Migration
- Agrarian Unrest and Peasant Movements
- Changing Inter-Community Relations and Violence

2. Urban Society

- Urbanism, Urbanity and Urbanization
- Towns, Cities and Mega-Cities
- Industry, Service and Business
- Neighbourhood, Slums and Ethnic Enclaves
- Middle Class and Gated Communities
- Urban Movements and Violence

Unit – 5 : State, Politics and Development

1. Political Processes in India

- Tribe, Nation State and Border
- Bureaucracy
- Governance and Development
- Public Policy: Health, Education and Livelihoods
- Political Culture
- Grass-root Democracy
- Law and Society
- Gender and Development
- Corruption
- Role of International Development Organizations

2. Social Movements and Protests

- Political Factions, Pressure Groups
- Movements based on Caste, Ethnicity, Ideology, Gender, Disability, Religion and Region
- Civil Society and Citizenship
- NGOs, Activism and Leadership
- Reservations and Politics

Unit – 6 : Economy and Society

- Exchange, Gift , Capital, Labour and Market
- Mode of Production Debates
- Property and Property Relations
- State and Market: Welfarism and Neoliberalism
- Models of Economic Development
- Poverty and Exclusion
- Factory and Industry Systems
- Changing Nature of Labour Relations
- Gender and Labour Process
- Business and Family
- Digital Economy, E-Commerce
- Global Business and Corporates
- Tourism
- Consumption

Unit - 7: Environment and Society

- Social and Cultural Ecology: Diverse Forms
- Technological Change, Agriculture and Biodiversity
- Indigenous Knowledge Systems and Ethno-Medicine
- Gender and Environment
- Forest Policies, Adivasis and Exclusion
- Ecological Degradation and Migration
- Development, Displacement and Rehabilitation

- Water and Social Exclusion
- Disasters and Community Responses
- Environmental Pollution, Public Health and Disability
- Climate Change and International Policies
- Environmental Movements

Unit - 8: Family, Marriage and Kinship

- Theoretical Approaches: Structure-Functionalist, Alliance and Cultural
- Gender Relations and Power Dynamics
- Inheritance, Succession and Authority
- Gender, Sexuality and Reproduction
- Children, Youth and Elderly
- Emotions and Family
- Emergent Forms of Family
- Changing Marriage Practices
- Changing Care and Support Systems
- Family Laws
- Domestic Violence and Crime against Women
- Honour Killing

Unit - 9 : Science, Technology and Society

- History of Technological Development
- Changing notions of Time and Space
- Flows and Boundaries
- Virtual Community
- Media: Print and Electronic, Visual and Social Media
- E-Governance and Surveillance Society
- Technology and Emerging Political Processes
- State Policy, Digital Divide and Inclusion
- Technology and Changing Family Relations
- Technology and Changing Health Systems
- Food and Technology
- Cyber Crime

Unit - 10 : Culture and Symbolic Transformations

- Signs and Symbols
- Rituals, Beliefs and Practices
- Changing Material Culture
- Moral Economy
- Education: Formal and Informal
- Religious Organizations, Piety and Spirituality
- Commodification of Rituals
- Communalism and Secularism
- Cultural Identity and Mobilization
- Culture and Politics

- Gender, Body and Culture
- Art and Aesthetics
- Ethics and Morality
- Sports and Culture
- Pilgrimage and Religious Tourism
- Religion and Economy
- Culture and Environment
- New Religious Movements
