Syllabus for P.G Entrance Test
(Sociology)
2017

Unit 1 Sociology as a discipline
- Nature & subject matter of Sociology
- Emergence of sociology as a Scientific Discipline: French Revolution, Industrial Revolution & Enlightenment Period

Unit 2 Basic concepts
- Society: Concept and features
- Community: Concept and features
- Social Groups: Primary, Secondary & Reference Groups
- Culture: Concept, Features & Processes

Unit 3 Major Sociological Perspectives
- Functionalism
- Conflict Perspective
- Interactionism

Unit 4 Schools of thought
- Formalistic School of thought: George Simmel, Ferdinand Tonnies.
- Synthetic School of Thought: Pitirim Sorokin, Ginsberg

Unit 5 Social Institutions
- Family: Structure & Function
- Marriage: Structure & Function
- Kinship: Consanguineous and Afnial
- Religion: Concept and Role

Unit 6 Social Processes
- Social Change
- Social Control
- Socialization
- Social Conflict

Unit 7 Social Research & Design
- Nature and scope of social research
- Scientific Method: Concept and features
- Research design: Concept and formulation of research design
- Types of research design: Descriptive, Explorotive & Diagnostic

Unit 8 Sampling
- Universe: Nature & Characteristics
- Sampling: Meaning and Significance
- Types of Sampling
- Advantages/disadvantages of Sampling
Unit 9 Tools of data collection
- Questionnaire
- Interview
- Observation
- Case Study

Unit 10 Auguste Comte
- Positivism
- Law of three stages
- Social Statics and Social Dynamics

Unit 11 Emile Durkheim
- Social fact
- Religion
- Suicide

Unit 12 Karl Marx
- Historical Materialism
- Class and class conflict
- Alienation

Unit 13 Max Weber
- Ideal Type
- Social action
- Bureaucracy

Unit 14 Structure and approaches of Indian Society
- Composition of Indian Society: Religion, Lingual and ethnic
- Concept & Features of Caste and Class
- M. N. Srinivas: Structural-functional Approach
- R. Desai: Marxist Approach

Unit 15 Rural, Urban and Tribal Society
- Rural Society
- Urban Society
- Panchayati Raj
- Concept & features of tribe
- Scheduled Tribes in J&K – A Sociological Profile
- Scheduled Tribes & Scheduled Castes: Problems and Constitutional Safeguards