

Central University of Punjab

Centre for Sociology

Ph.D. Entrance Examination Syllabus

Section A : Basic 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

- Types of Groups: Primary – Secondary, Formal – Informal, In group – Out group, Reference group.

5. Social Institutions

- Marriage
- Family
- Education
- Economy
- Polity

- Religion

6. Socialization

- Socialization, Re-socialization, 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 of social change: Dialectical and Cyclical.

B: Sociological Theory

- Emergence of Sociology as a distinct subject
- Auguste Comte
- Karl Marx
- Emile Durkheim
- Max Weber

- Talcott Parsons
- Robert K. Merton
- Malinowski

- Symbolic Interactionism : C.H. Cooley, G. H. Mead, Herbert Blumer

- Peter Berger and Luckmann
- Garfinkel and Goffman

Section C: Methodology

1. 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.

2. Quantitative Methods

- Survey
- Research Design and its types
- Hypothesis
- Sampling
- Techniques of data collection: Observation, Questionnaire, Schedule, Interview.

3. Qualitative Methods

- Participant observation
- Case study
- Content analysis
- Oral history
- Life history

4. Statistics in Social Research

- Measures of Central Tendency : Mean, Median, Mode
- Measures of dispersion
- Correlational analysis
- Test of significance
- Reliability and Validity

Section D: Understanding Indian Society; major perspectives

- Indological / Textual Perspective: G. S. Ghurye, Louis Dumont.
- Structural – Functional Perspective: M. M.N. Srinivas, S. C. Dube.
- Marxian Perspective: D. P. Mukherjee, A. R. Desai.
- Civilisational Perspective: N. K. Bose, Surajit Sinha.
- Subaltern Perspective: B. R. Ambedkar, David Hardiman.

Section E: Major Debates in Indian Society

- Tradition and Modernity in India.
- Problems of Nation Building: Secularism, Pluralism and Nation building.
- Socio-political mobilization and social movements.
- The gender question in Indian society.
- Environmental problems and its social dimensions.
- Indianisation of Sociology.