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Ph.D Degree Entrance Examination Syllabus

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Syllabus for Entrance Examination of Ph.D degree

Note :

1. Ph.D Entrance test is for 100 Marks (1 mark each) and MCQ type .
2. Research methodology (Part A) carries 40 marks and core subject (Part B) carries 60 marks.

Part A: Research Methodology (40 Marks)

UNIT I:

Introduction & Research Design: Nature and Objectives of Research, Methods of Research: historical, descriptive and experimental, research process, research approaches, criteria for good research. Meaning of research design, need of research design, features of good design, various research designs, basic principles of experimental designs, designs of experiments.

UNIT II :

Data Collection & Analysis : Types of Data, methods and techniques of data collection, primary and secondary data, Meta-Analysis, historical methods, content analysis, devices used in data collection, pilot study and pretext of tools, choices of data collection methods.

UNIT III :

Statistical Tools and Techniques and Repot Writing: Measures of Central Tendency, Measures of Dispersion, Measures of Variation. Measures of Central Tendency v/s Measures of Dispersion, Normal Distribution, Measures of Skewness and interpretation, Correlation and Regression: Types and applications, Chi-square test: it's purpose and use, importance of statistics in Social research, basic concept of paper/thesis writing report generation, writing research abstract, introduction, review of literature, result, conclusion, concepts of bibliography and references, significance of report writing, steps of report writing. Types of

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research reports, Methods of presentation of report, Format of publication in Research journal.

UNIT IV:

Computer Applications Application of computers in research: Generating charts/graphs in Microsoft Excel, Power Point Presentation, Web Search: Introduction to Internet, Use of Internet and WWW. Using search engines like Google, Yahoo, etc.

Part B: Core Syllabus - Sociology (60 Marks)

UNIT I: Basic Concepts

Nature of Sociology-Definition, Sociological Perspective, Basic Concepts-Community, Institution Association, Culture, Norms, Values, Social Structure Status and role, their interrelationship, Multiple roles, Role set, Status set, Status sequence, Role conflict, Social Group - Meaning, Types, Primary - Secondary, Formal - Informal, Ingroup - Outgroup, Reference group, Social Institutions - Marriage, Family, Education, Economy, Polity, Religion, Socialization, Socialization, Resocialization, Anticipatory socialization, Agencies of socialization, Theories of socialization, Social Stratification- Social differentiation, Hierarchy and Inequality, Forms of stratification: Caste, Class, Gender, Ethnic Theories of social stratification, Social mobility, Social Change Concepts and Types- Evolution, Diffusion, Progress, Revolution, Transformation, Change in structure and Change of structure, Theories- Dialectical and Cyclical.

UNIT II: Sociological Theories

Classical Sociological traditions - Durkheim, Max Weber, Karl Marx
Structural Functional- Malinowski, Radcliff Brown, Talcott Parsons, Robert K Merton, Claude Levi Strauss
Hermeneutic and Interpretative Traditions - G.H. Mead, Karl Manheim, Alfred Schutz, Harold Garfinkel, Erving Goffman,
Post Modernism, Post Structuralism and Post Colonialism - Pierre Bourdieu, Michael Foucault, Jurgen Habermas, Anthony Giddens

UNIT III: Rural and Urban Transformations

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

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


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UNIT IV: 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 V: 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 VI: Contemporary Issues

Developmental: Population, Regional disparity, Slums, Displacement, Ecological degradation, environmental pollution, health problems

Issues pertaining to deviance – Deviance and its forms, crime and delinquency, white collar crime and corruption, changing profile of crime and criminals, drug addiction, Suicide



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