TUMKUR UNIVERSITY, TUMKUR
DEPARTMENT OF STUDIES AND RESEARCH IN SOCIOLOGY
PhD Entrance Exam Syllabus -2020-21

Unit-I : Understanding Basic Sociological Concepts
- Nature and Importance of Sociology
- Social Structure
- Social Groups
- Social Institutions
- Socialization
- Social Stratification, Mobility and Change

Unit-II : Classical Sociological Traditions
- Auguste Comte
- Herbert Spencer
- Emile Durkheim
- Max Weber
- Karl Marx
- George Simmel
- Pitirim Sorokin

Unit-III : Modern Sociological Theory
- Structural-Functional School
- Conflict Theory
- Symbolic Interactionism
- Ethnomethodology
- Phenomenology
- Post-Modern Theories
- Neo-Marxism and Neo-Structuralism

Unit-IV : Indian Theoretical Perspective
- Indological/Textual Perspective: G. S. Ghurye, Louis Dumont
- Structural-Functional Perspective, S. C. Dube
- Marxian Perspective: D P Mukherjee, A R Desai.
- Civilisational Perspective: N. K. Bose, Surajit Sinha.
- Subaltern Perspective: B R Ambedkar, R N Guha
- Karnataka Sociologist: M. N. Srinivas, Parvathamma, Ishwaran K

Unit-V : Conceptualizing Indian Society
- Geographical and Historical Background
- Unity in Diversity in India: Linguistic and Religious Distribution
- Rural Society and Urban Society
- Tribal Society and Development
- Industry and Society
Unit VI - Social Exclusion and Inclusion
- Meaning and process of Marginalization
- Marginalization and its Socio-economic Indices
- Role of ideology in Marginalization
- Marginalized groups in India
- Emerging Marginalized Groups: LGBT

Unit VII: Population and Society
- Theories of Population Growth: Malthus, Post Malthus, Optimum and Demographic Transition theory
- Population Growth and Distribution in India and World
- Concepts of Fertility, Mortality, Morbidity and Migration
- Population and Development
- Population Control
- Population Policy 2000

Unit VIII: Contemporary Social Issues
- Poverty and Unemployment
- Crime and Delinquency
- Alcoholism and Drug Addiction
- Inequality of Caste and Gender
- Regional Imbalance
- Political and Economic Crisis
- Family Disharmony: Domestic Violence, Divorce, Elder Abuse

Unit IX: Sociology of Development
- Conceptual Perspectives on Development
- Theories of Underdevelopment
- Social Structure and Development
- Culture and Development
- Gender and Development

Unit X: Research Methodology
- Meaning and Nature of Social Research
- Objectivity in Research
- Theory and Social facts
- Hermeneutics: Inductive Analysis, Positivism, Imperative Understanding
- Research Problem
- Review of Literature
- Research Design
- Hypotheses
- Sampling
- Sources of Data Collection: Primary and Secondary
- Data Analysis and Interpretation
- Statistics and Computer Application in Social Research
- Research Report