

TUMKUR UNIVERSITY, TUMKUR
DEPARTMENT OF STUDIES AND RESEARCH IN SOCIOLOGY
PhD Entrance Exam Syllabus -2026

Unit -I Introduction to Research

- Meaning , Nature, Significance and Types of Social Research
- Research and Scientific method, Research Process
- Role of Theory in research
- Hermeneutics : Inductive and Deductive Analysis, Positivism, Imperative Understanding
- Objectivity and Subjectivity in social research
- Research Problem
- Review of Literature
- Criteria of Good research

Unit- II Tools of Research

- Research Design: Meaning, Features, Types and Importance
- Hypotheses: Meaning, Characteristics, Types, Significance and Testing
- Sampling: Meaning, Characteristics, Types
- Sources of Data Collection: Primary and Secondary
- Techniques of Data collection: Observation, Questionnaire, Interview schedule and Case study
- Measurement and Scaling
- Participatory Research

Unit-III Data Analysis and Interpretation

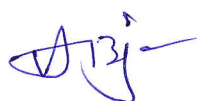
- Coding, Tabulation, Interpretation, Report Writing and Bibliography
- Content Analysis and Oral History
- Graphical and Diagrammatical Representation
- Statistics: Measures of Central Tendency and Measures of Dispersion
- Uses of Computers in Research
- Research publication and Ethics

Unit-IV : Understanding Basic Sociological Concepts

- Nature and Importance of Sociology, Emergence of Sociology
- Social Groups
- Social Institutions
- Socialization
- Social Stratification, Mobility and Change
- Social Processes and Social Interaction
- Social System, Structure and Functions
- Social Control and Social Change

Unit-V :Classical Sociological Traditions

- Auguste Comte
- Herbert Spencer







- Emile Durkheim
- Max Weber
- Karl Marx
- George Simmel
- Pitrim Sorokin
- Vilfred Pareto

Unit-VI :Modern Sociological Theory

- Structural-Functional School
- Conflict School
- Grounded Theory
- Symbolic Interactionism
- Ethnomethodology
- Phenomenology
- Social Exchange Theories
- Critical Theories
- Neo-Marxism and Neo-Structuralism
- Post-Modern Theories

Unit-VI : Indian Theoretical Perspective

- Indological/Textual Perspective: G. S. Ghurye, Louis Dumont
- Structural-Functional Perspective, S. C. Dube, M.N Srinivas
- 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: Parvathamma, Ishwaran K

Unit-VII : Conceptualizing Indian Society

- Geographical and Historical Background
- Unity in Diversity in India: Linguistic and Religious Distribution
- Rural and Urban Society
- Tribal Society and Development
- Industry and Society
- Globalisation: Meaning, Nature, Perspectives and Challenges
- Globalisation and Social Justice in India: Impact on education, unemployment, livelihood and health care

Unit VIII- 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: LGBTQ
- Social Movements and Marginalised groups
- Impact of Globalisation on Marginalised groups

Unit-IX :Population, Society and Development

- Theories of Population Growth: Malthus, Post Malthus, Optimum and Demographic Transition theory
- Components of Population Change, Population Control and Policies
- Population Growth and Distribution in India and World
- Conceptual Perspectives and Theories of Development
- Socio-Cultural, Gender and Development

Unit-X : Contemporary Social Issues

- Poverty and Unemployment
- Crime and Deviance, Human Rights and its dimensions
- Alcoholism and Drug Addiction
- Inequality of Caste and Gender
- Development Issues and Problems : Regional Imbalance, Displacement
- Political and Economic Crisis.
- Issues and Problems related to family : Dowry, Divorce, Domestic Violence, Intergenerational problems, Elder Abuse

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