



RAJIV GANDHI NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF LAW, PUNJAB
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RGNUL Ph.D. PROGRAMME (SOCIOLOGY)

Syllabus for Entrance Test

PART-I

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

SOCIOLOGICAL RESEARCH

1. Pure and Applied Social Research
2. Concept, Theory and Thought
3. Research Ethics
4. Scientific Method
5. Research Design
6. Techniques of Data Collection
7. Sampling
8. Value Neutrality
9. Objectivity versus Subjectivity
10. Rural-Urban dichotomy and Social Research in India
11. Issues of Social Research (Illiteracy, density, vested regional interests and the like)
12. Basics of Doctoral Research (Selection of the Topics, Understanding the issues, finalizing the topics, Developing the research road map and the like)

Suggestive Reference Books for Part-I

1. Mueller, J.H. and Schuessler, K.F., *Statistical Reasoning in Sociology*. New Delhi: Oxford and IBH Publishing Company, 1961.
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3. Keren, Gideon. *A Handbook for Data Analysis in the Behavioral Sciences: Statistical Issues*, Charles Lewis Lawrence Erlbaum Associates, 1993.



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5. David Baronov, *Conceptual foundations of Social Research Methods*, Paradigm Publisher, London, 2004.
6. David Silverman, *Doing Qualitative Research*, Sage, New Delhi, 2009.
7. Helen Simons, *Case Study Research in Practice*, Sage, London, 2009.
8. Keith Punch, *Introduction to Social Research*, Sage, London, 2005.
9. Kultar Singh, *Quantitative Social Research Methods*, Sage, New Delhi 2007.
10. Michael Quinn Patton, *Qualitative Research & Evaluation Methods*, Sage Publications, New Delhi, 2002.
11. M. Haralambos and R.M. Heald, *Sociology: Themes and Perspectives*, Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 2010.
12. P.V. Young, *Scientific Social Surveys and Research*, PHI Learning, New Delhi, 1949.
13. Ram Ahuja, *Research Methods*, Rawat Publications, Jaipur, 2001.
14. Srinivas, M.N. and A.M. Shah, *Field Worker and the Field*, Oxford, New Delhi, 1979.
15. William J. Goode, Paul K. Hatt, *Methods in Social Research*, Asia Law House, Hyderabad, 2016.

PART-II

SOCIOLOGY AND INDIAN SOCIETY

1. Role of Sociology as a Social Science
2. Understanding the social relationships
3. Understanding social system and social processes
4. Social needs and sociology
5. Understanding social differentiation; ethnocentrism; cultural relativism and lag
6. Interrelationship between Sociological studies and Anthropology, Psychology, Law, Economics, Political Science and Literature

SOCIAL STRATIFICATION IN INDIA

7. Understanding Caste System
8. Understanding Class Structures
9. Understanding the Gendered India
10. Tribal Society in India
11. Rural Urban dichotomy



SOCIAL THEORY AND THOUGHT

12. August Comte
13. Herbert Spencer
14. Max Weber
15. Karl Marx
16. Emile Durkhiem

SOCIAL ISSUES IN INDIAN SOCIETY

17. Homosexuality and the Social Institution of Marriage
18. Religious Segregation/ Rioting and Political Interventions
19. Dogmatism and the Culture of God Women/Men
20. Environmental Degradation and Mental as well as Physical Health
21. Working of Health Institutions (both Private as well as Public)
22. Demonetization and other economic processes versus the poor India
23. Drug Menace
24. Sexual Violence
25. Gang Rapes in India
26. Yellow Journalism

Suggestive Reference Books for Part-II

1. Giddens, Anthony, *Sociology* (Selected Chapters). Cambridge: Polity Press, 1990.
2. Johnson, Harry M., *Sociology: A Systematic Introduction*. New Delhi: Allied Publishers Pvt. Ltd., 1970.
3. Bottomore, T.B., *Sociology: A Guide to Problems and Literature*. Delhi: Blackie and Sons (India) Pvt. Ltd. (Punjabi Translation by Parkash Singh Jammu, Punjabi University, Patiala, 1972), 1972.
4. Haralambos, M., *Sociology: Themes and Perspectives*. London: Oxford University Press, 1980.
5. Ghurye, G.S., *Caste and Race in India*. Bombay: Popular Prakashan, (Punjabi Translation By N.S. Sodhi, Punjabi University, Patiala, 1969.
6. Inkles, Alex, *What is Sociology?* New Delhi: Prentice Hall of India, 1987.
7. Gillin, J.L., *Cultural Sociology*. London: Macmillan, 1953.
8. Gill, Rajesh, *Contemporary Indian Urban Society: Ethnicity, Gender and Governance*. Delhi : Bookwell Publishers, 2009.
9. Desai, A.R., *Rural Sociology in India*. Bombay: Popular Prakashan, 1978.



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19. Yogendra Singh, *Social Change in India*, Har Anand Publications, New Delhi, 2010.
20. Max Weber, *The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism*, Routledge Classics, New York, 1930.
21. Peter Barry, *Beginning Theory-An Introduction to Literary and Cultural Theory*, Viva Books, New Delhi, 2010.
22. Paul B. Horton, Chester L. Hunt, *Sociology*, Tata McGraw-Hill, New Delhi, 2004.
23. S.L. Doshi, *Modernity, Postmodernity and Neo-Sociological Theories*, Rawat Publications, Jaipur, 2009.
24. T.B. Bottomore, *Sociology, a Guide to Problems and Literature*, Routledge, New Delhi, 2014.
25. Ram Ahuja, *Social Problems in India*, Rawat Publications, New Delhi, 2009.