

SOCIOLOGY

Syllabus for JRF Entrance Examination in Sociology

Sociological Thought

1. Origin of Sociology: (a) Contribution of Industrial Revolution
2. Auguste Comte: (a) Positivism; (b) The Law of Three Stages of Social Development
3. Social Statics and Social Dynamics
4. Emile Durkheim: (a) Division of Labour; (b) Suicide
5. Max Weber: (a) Types of Authority with Special Reference to Bureaucracy
6. Karl Marx: (a) Class and Class Struggle; (b) Alienation
7. Ramakrishna Mukherjee: (a) Six Villages of Bengal
8. Andre Beteille: (a) Caste, Class and Politics
9. Binay Kumar Sarkar: (a) Progress; (b) Positivism

Sociological Theory:

1. Introduction with definition
2. Characteristics of Modern Sociological Theory
3. Concept of Micro and Macro-level Theory.

Indian Society: Perspectives and Structures,

Gender studies:

1. Nature and Scope of Sociology of Gender
2. Biology, Sex and Gender
3. Socialization and Gender Socialization
4. Gender, Crime and Violence
5. Gender and Politics

Concepts: **A few examples**

1. Culture, Development, Empowerment, Status and role, Bureaucracy,
2. Marriage, Caste System, Groups, Family, Modernization and Westernization,
3. Globalization, Poverty, Unequal Distribution of Education, Social Movements, Racial Discrimination, Ethnic Groups etc.

Methods of Social Research:

1. Definition and meaning of Social Research.
2. Types of Social Research: (a) Pure and (b) Applied
3. Facts, Concepts, Hypothesis and Theory, Research Methodology
4. Social Survey, differences between social survey and social research, Case Study, Experimental methods- Statistical methods.

Data collection: Tools of Data collection – Observation; Schedules – Questionnaire, Interview, Focus Group of Discussion,

Sampling: Types of sampling: Random; Snow ball; Stratified; Systematic; Cluster; Judgment

Social Problems of India

Decentralization of Planning

Agrarian Sociology: Basic characteristics of peasant and agrarian society; Rural poverty, migration and landless labour; Globalization and its impact on agriculture

Sample Question for JRF in Sociology

Test Code: SOA

Paper I

It has two sections. Section I is objective and Section II is short-answer type.

Marks: 100

Time: 2 hours

Forenoon

Section I:

Answer to 10 questions

10X4=40

Choose the correct answer of the following questions:

1. "The quality of life" was written by
 - (i) Ramkrishna Mukherjee
 - (ii) M.N. Srinivas
 - (iii) Andre Beteille

2. In which of the following did the class structure develop first?
 - (i) Tribal Society
 - (ii) Agricultural Society
 - (iii) Industrial Society

3. Who is the father of Sociology?
 - (i) August Comte
 - (ii) Ramkrishna Mukherjee
 - (iii) Darwin

4. What is the main object of socialization?
 - (i) Creating affection in the mind of the child
 - (ii) Seeking cooperation from the child
 - (iii) Development of the self

5. Reservation of women to the elected positions in the Panchayat Bodies was ensured due to the stipulations of
 - (i) 73rd amendment of the Indian Constitution
 - (ii) Report of Sarkaria Commission
 - (iii) 71st amendment of the Indian Constitution

6. Gorkha National Liberation Front (GNLF) aimed at
 - (i) Creation of a separate province for the Gorkha in India
 - (ii) Formation of a separate country for the Gorkha in India
 - (iii) Creation of an autonomous district for Gorkha inside West Bengal.

7. The demolition of Babri Masjid took place in
 - (i) December 1991
 - (ii) December 1992
 - (iii) December 1993
8. Find out the research technique which makes use of control group
 - (i) Participation observation
 - (ii) Planned experiment
 - (iii) Interview method
9. Who were the founders of “Grand Theory” of Sociology?
 - (i) Karl Marx, Herbert Spencer & August Comte
 - (ii) Karl Marx, Herbert Spencer & Durkheim
 - (iii) Karl Marx, Herbert Spencer & G.H.Mead
10. The Dowry Prohibition (amendment) Bill was passed in
 - (i) August 1984
 - (ii) August 1985
 - (iii) August 1986

Section II

Write short notes on:

6x10

1. Globalization.
2. Domestic Violence.
3. Nature and scope of sociology of gender.
4. Peasant mobilisation
5. Empowerment of women.
6. Cultural diffusion.

Sample Question for JRF in Sociology

Test Code: SOB

Marks: 100

Afternoon
Time: 2 hours

Answer any five (5) of the following ten (10) questions in not more than 350 words each.

5 x 20 = 100

1. Write a short note on the social position of women in modern Indian Society.
2. Discuss the nature of Panchayat system in West Bengal. What is its impact on village society?
3. Does the system of sharecropping tenancy constrain agricultural development?
4. Make a critical evaluation of Benoy Kumar Sarkar's concept of progress.
5. Explain Auguste Comte's positivism OR the Law of Three Stages of Social Development.
6. Discuss the purposes and limitations of Statistics in Sociological Research. OR How does Statistics reconcile the difference between the macros and micro level of social reality?
7. What are the essential steps of a research procedure in sociological study?
8. Distinguish between concept and theory?
9. What are the links between growth and human development?
10. How can problems of gender bias affect social and economic development?