

# Syllabus for Sociology Master's

## **Section 1: Subject Knowledge**

Please Note: A Total of 40 Questions will be asked, combining the following topics, with the difficulty level commensurate to a Master's Candidate.

### Unit I: Sociological Theory

Classical Traditions, Structural- Functionalism and Structuralism, Hermeneutic and Interpretive Tradition, Postmodernism, Post Structuralism and Post Colonialism, Indian Thinkers.

### Unit II: Basic Concepts and Institutions

Social Institutions, Social Stratification, Social Change and Processes, Social Mobility.

### Unit III: Culture and Symbolic Transformations

Signs, Symbols, Rituals, Beliefs and Practices, Religious Organizations, Communalism and Secularism, Gender, Body and Culture, Education: Formal and Informal, Ethics and Morality.

### Unit IV: Environment, Economy and Society

Capital, Labour and Market, Changing Nature of Labour Relations, Gender and Labour Process, Poverty and Exclusion, Ecological Degradation and Migration, Environmental Movements

### Unit V: Family, Marriage and Kinship

Changing Marriage Practices, Gender Relations and Power Dynamics, Gender, Sexuality and Reproduction , Domestic Violence and Crime against Women, Family Laws, Emergent Forms of Family

### Unit VI: Rural and Urban Society in India

Rural and Peasant society, Urban Society, Transformation in Rural society, Changing social practices.

### Unit VII: Research Methodology and Methods

Conceptualizing Social Reality, Scientific Method and Epistemology in Social Science  
Methods and Techniques, Qualitative and Quantitative, Sampling, Interview, Observation.

### Unit VIII: Social and Political Movements in India

Movements based on Caste, Ethnicity, Ideology, Gender, Disability, Religion and Region Governance and Development.

## **Section 2: Fundamental Research Skills**

Please Note: A Total of 31 Questions will be asked, combining the following topics, with the difficulty level commensurate to a Master's Candidate.

1. Research Methodology
2. Reading and Writing
3. Qualitative analysis