Department of Sociology, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, Uttar Pradesh

Syllabus for Ph.D. Entrance Examination (2017-18)

Section A - Multiple Choice Questions (50 Marks)

Research Methodology (40 Marks)

Methodological Traditions in Sociology: Positivism, Hermeneutics, Marxism, Structural-functionaliswas, Phenomenology, Ethnomethodology, Post-structuralism, Postmodernism

Logic of Inquiry: Inductive, Deductive, Retrospective, Abductive

Research Techniques & Approaches: Questionnaire, Schedule, Observation, Interview, Scale, Major Types of Sampling, Research Design, Survey, Case Study, Oral and Life History, Content Analysis, Panel Study

Statistics & Computer Use: Mean, Median, Mode, Standard Deviation; Pearson & Spearman Correlation Coefficient, Chi Square Test; Computer: Definition, Brief History, Types and Computer Generation; e-Methods

Subject Specific- Sociology (10 Marks)

Basic Concepts: Society, Community, Institution and Association; Meaning and Types of Social Group (Primary, Secondary and Reference group); Culture, Ethnocentrism and Cultural Relativism; Norms, Values, Folkways and Mores. Social Institutions: Family, Marriage and Kinship; State and Bureaucracy; Division of Labour and Exchange System; Magic and Religion. Social Processes: Socialization (Re-socialization, Adult Socialization and Anticipatory Socialization); Competition and Conflict; Social Stratification (Functional and Conflict Perspectives)

Section B – Descriptive (Common for all students)

Indian Society (30 Marks)

Approaches to the Study of Indian Society: Indological, Structural-Functional, Marxian, Subaltern; Agrarian Class Structure; Agrarian Unrest and Peasant Movements; Land Reforms and its effect; Panchayti Raj in India; Urbanization & Urbanism in India; Urban Housing and Slum; Health and Nutrition in India; Right to Education; Privatization of Education in India; Gender and Stratification; Structure of Patriarchy; Women Movement in India

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