

**Syllabus for the post of  
Assistant Professor- Sociology, Maharashtra Education Services,  
Group - A (Collegiate Branch)**

Steps of Exam: Written Exam - 200 Marks

Interview - 50 Marks

Level: - Degree

No. of Questions: - 100

Medium: English & Marathi

No. of Marks: - 200

Nature of Paper: - Objective Type

Duration: - 1 hour

Final merit list will be prepared by considering the marks obtained in Written test & Interview.

**SYLLABUS**

- 1) **Phenomenology and Ethnomethodology**  
Alfred Shultz, Peter Berger and Luckmann  
Garfinkel and Goffman
- 2) **Neo-functionalism and Neo-Marxism**  
J. Alexander  
Habermass, Althusser
- 3) **Structuration and Post-Modernism**  
Giddens  
Derrida  
Foucault
- 4) **Conceptualising Indian Society**  
Peoples of India : Groups and Communities  
Unity in diversity  
Cultural diversity : Regional, linguistic, religions and tribal
- 5) **Theoretical Perspectives**  
Indological/Textual Perspective : G. S. Ghurye, Louis Dumont,  
Structural - Functional Perspective : M. N. Srinivas, S. C. Dube  
Marxian Perspective : D. P. Mukherjee, A. R. Desai  
Civilisational Perspective : N. K. Bose, Surajit Sinha  
Subaltern Perspective : B. R. Ambedkar, David Hardiman
- 6) **Contemporary Issues : Socio-cultural**  
Poverty  
Inequality of caste and gender.  
Regional, ethnic and religious disharmonics.  
Family disharmony: (a) Domestic violence (b) Dowry (c) Divorce  
(d) Intergenerational conflict.
- 7) **Contemporary Issues : Developmental**  
Population  
Regional disparity  
Slums  
Displacement  
Ecological degradation and environmental pollution  
Health problems

8) **Issues Pertaining to Deviance**

Deviance and its forms  
Crime and delinquency  
White collar crime and corruption  
Changing profile of crime and criminals  
Drug addiction  
Suicide

9) **Current Debates**

Tradition and Modernity in India  
Problems of Nation Building : Secularism, Pluralism and Nation building

10) **The Challenges of Globalisation**

Indigenisation of Sociology  
Privatisation of Education  
Science and Technology Policy in India

11) **Rural Sociology**

*Approaches to the study of Rural Society :*

Rural-Urban differences  
Rurbanism  
Peasant studies

*Agrarian Institutions :*

Land ownership and its types.  
Agrarian relations and Mode of production debate.  
Jajmani system and Jaimani relations.  
Agrarian class structure

*Panchayati Raj Institution :*

Panchayat before and after 73rd amendment  
Rural Leadership and Factionalism  
Empowerment of people

*Social Issues and Strategies for Rural Development :*

Bonded and Migrant labourers  
Pauperization and Depeasantisation  
Agrarian unrest and Peasant movements

*Rural Development and Change :*

Trends of changes in rural society.  
Processes of change : Migration - Rural to Urban and Rural to Rural Mobility :  
Social/ Economic.  
Factors of change

12) **Industry and Society**

*Industrial Society in the Classical Sociological Tradition :*

Division of labour  
Bureaucracy  
Rationality  
Production relations  
Surplus value  
Alienation

***Industry and Society :***

- Factory as a social system
- Formal and informal organization
- Impact of social structure on industry
- Impact of industry on society

***Industrial Relations :***

- Changing profile of labour
- Changing labour-management relations
- Conciliation, adjudication, arbitration
- Collective bargaining
- Trade unions
- Worker's participation in management (Joint Management Councils)
- Quality circles

***Industrialisation and Social Change in India :***

- Impact of industrialization on family, education and stratification
- Class and class conflict in industrial society
- Obstacles to and limitations of industrialization

***Industrial Planning :***

- Industrial Policy
- Labour legislation
- Human relations in industry

**13) Sociology of Development**

***Conceptual Perspectives on Development :***

- Economic growth
- Human development
- Social development
- Sustainable development : Ecological and Social

***Theories of Underdevelopment :***

- Liberal : Max Weber, Gunnar Myrdal
- Dependency : Centre-periphery (Frank), Uneven development (Samir Amin), World - system (Wallerstein)

***Paths of Development :***

- Modernisation, Globalisation
- Socialist
- Mixed
- Gandhian

***Social Structure and Development :***

- Social structure as a facilitator/inhibitor
- Development and Socio-economic disparities
- Gender and development

***Culture and Development :***

- Culture as an aid/impediment
- Development and displacement of tradition
- Development and upsurge of ethnic movements

#### 14) Population and Society

##### *Theories of Population Growth :*

Malthusian  
Demographic transition

##### *Population Growth and Distribution in India :*

Growth of Indian population since 1901  
Determinants of population

##### *Concepts of Fertility, Mortality, Morbidity and Migration :*

Age and Sex composition and its consequences.  
Determinants of fertility.  
Determinants of mortality, infant, child and maternal mortality  
Morbidity rates.  
Determinants and consequences of migration

##### *Population and Development :*

Population as a constraint on and a resource for development.  
Socio - cultural factors affecting population growth.

##### *Population Control :*

Population policy : Problems and perspectives  
Population education  
Measures taken for population control

#### 15) Gender and Society

##### *Gender as a Social Construct :*

Models of Gendered socialisation  
Cultural symbolism and general roles

##### *Social Structure and Gender Inequality :*

Patriarchy and Matriarchy  
Division of labour - Production and reproduction

##### *Theories of Gender Relations :*

Liberalist  
Radical  
Socialist  
Post-modernist

##### *Gender and Development :*

Effect of development policies on gender relations.  
Perspectives on gender and development - Welfarist, developmentalist  
Empowerment

##### *Women and Development in India :*

Indicators of women's status : Demographic, social, economic and cultural  
Special schemes and strategies for women's development.  
Voluntary sector and women's development.  
Globalisation and women's development.  
Eco - feminism

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