

Syllabus for Common Entrance Test (2017): M.A. Sociology

A. Subject Related 75 Questions all over the Syllabus:

Sociological Concepts

1. **Sociology:-** Nature, Scope, Significance and growth of Sociology; Relationship with History, Anthropology, Economics, Political Science and Psychology.
2. **Basic Concepts:** - Society, Community, Association, Social Structure, Culture; Social Groups and Types: Primary, Secondary.
3. **Social Institutions:** - Marriage, Family, Kinship, Economy, Polity.
4. **Social Process:** - Social Stratification & forms; Socialization; Modernization and Social Mobility; Social Process- Co-operation, Competition and Conflict.

Foundations of Social Thought

5. **Positivism:** Comte's Law of three stages, Evolutionism- Spencer's Evolutionary Approach
6. **Functionalism:** Durkheim's Concept of Social Fact, Division of labour in Society; Radcliffe Brown's Structural-Functional Approach
7. **Conflict:** Marx's concept of Dialectical Historical Materialism, Class & Class Conflict;
8. **Interactionalism:** Weber's Interpretative Sociology; Types of Social Action

Methods in Social Research

9. **Social Research:** Definition, Nature, Meaning and Significance; Hypothesis;
10. **Research Method:** Steps of Scientific Research; Research Designs; Social Survey; Sampling and Sampling Procedure
11. **Techniques of Data Collection:** Types of Data; Techniques- Observation, Interview, Questionnaire, Schedule and Case Study
12. **Data, Classification and Statistics:** Sources and Types of Data; Classification and Tabulation of data; Measures of Central Tendency: Mean, Median and Mode

Indian Society

13. **Conceptual Issues of Indian Society:** Traditional bases of Indian Society; Unity and Diversity in India;
14. **Indian Social Institutions:** Kinship, Family, Marriage; Caste and its Changing Dimensions.
15. **Processes of Social Change in India:** Sanskritization, Westernization, Parochialization and Universatization, Social Reform Movements.
16. **Social Issues and Problems:** Gender Discrimination, Casteism, Communalism, Corruption, AIDS and Population Explosion.

B. General Awareness 25 Questions Covering the following:

- Current Affairs (National/International)
- Major Social/Economic/Political News
- Who's Who/personalities
- Sports
- Books and Authors
- Awards and Honors
- Science – Inventions and Discoveries
- Popular Abbreviations
- Important Dates
- National/International Organizations