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Subject: Sociology
Syllabus for Ph.D. Entrance Test (REAT)

Unit 1:

Sociology of India

1. Approaches to the Study of Indian Society (Indology, Civilizational, Functional, Marxist Subaltern)
2. People of India (Groups and Communities, Unity and Diversity, Pluralism, Ethnic, Problems of Ethnic Identity)
3. Caste structure and change (Tribe and Caste, forms of caste, caste and social institutions changes in caste system)
4. Rural social structure (Village community, Change in village community, Rural-Urban differences, Peasant Studies and their significance, Characteristics of Agrarian social structure, Rural Social issues, Rural development programmes.
5. Religion in India (Ideology, Organization and Religious Movement)

Unit 2:

Classical Sociological Theory

The socio-historical and intellectual background of Sociology;

1. August Comte (Sociology, Positivism, Social Evolution);
2. Karl Marx (Historical and Dialectical Materialism, Class Conflict, Capital base and Super Structure);
3. Emile Durkheim (Social fact, Methodology, Social Solidarity, Social change. Religion and society);
4. Max Weber (Social Action, Methodology, Authority, Class, Status and Power, Religion and Economy)
5. Vilfredo Pareto (Methodology, Logico-Experimental Method, Classification of Action-Logical and non-logical actions, Residues and Derivatives, Types and Circulation of Elites)

Unit.3

Sociology of Development

1. Social Indicators of Economic Development.
2. Economic Indicators of Social Development.
3. Conceptual perspectives (economic, human, social, sustainable, economical notions of development)
4. Theories of Underdevelopment (Max Weber, Gunnar Myrdal, Frank, Samir Armin, Wallerstein.)
5. Path of Development (modernization, globalization, socialist, mixed, Gandhian)

Unit.4

Family, Kinship and Marriage

1. Theories; Family (types, characteristics)
2. kinship (incest taboo, honor, descent, residence and inheritance);
3. Marriage patterns (exchange, alliance, bride-wealth, dowry, social reproduction, monogamy, plural marriages);
4. Culture, law and economy
5. Domestic Violence and Crime against Women.

Unit.5

Social Change and Movement

1. Patterns and Theories of Social Change.
2. Process of Social Change.
3. Social and Cultural Change, (Sanskritization, Westernization, Modernization)
4. Social Change in India.
5. Social Movements: Theories, Types, Nature, Social Movements in India.

Reference Books

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