M. A. Sociology
Syllabus
2013-14

OPMS1101 Paper I : Theoretical Perspectives in Sociology
OPMS1102 Paper II : Methodology of Social Research
OPMS1103 Paper III : Sociology of Change and Development
OPMS1104 Paper IV : Any one of the following

(i) Rural Society in India
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OPMS1101 PAPER 1- Theoretical Perspectives in Sociology

Unit - I

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Essential Readings:

OPMS1102 Paper II- Methodology of Social Research

Unit - I
Nature of Social Reality and Approaches to it : Positivism, Phenomenology, Ethnomethodology and symbolic Interactionism, Interpretative understanding.

Unit - II
Logic of enquiry in Social Science Research, Inductive and Deductive, Theory-building, Objectivity/ Value neutrality, Hypothesis.

Unit - III
Quantitative methods and Survey Research, Survey Techniques and its limitations, Operationalization and Research Design, Questionnaire Construction, Interview Schedule, Reliability and Validity.

Unit - IV
Qualitative Research Techniques: Participant Observation, Interview guide, Case Study Method, Content Analysis. Validity and Reliability in Qualitative Research.

Unit - V
Sampling Design, Action Research Averages: Mean, median, mode; Village Survey or Case Study; The field work will be undertaken by the candidates under the general guidance of the head of the department. The report shall be submitted in duplicate to the Head of the annual examination. The Head of the department shall examine the field work report, award marks and forward the same along with one
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Books Recommended:

OPMS1103 Paper III- Sociology of Change and Development

Unit - I

Unit - II

Unit - III
Changing Conceptions of Development: Economic growth, Human development, Social development; sustainable development, the question of socio-cultural sustainability, multiple sustainabilities.

Unit - IV
Social Structure and Development: structure as a facilitator/inhibitor, development and socio-economic disparities, gender and development.
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