

# **DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY, UNIVERSITY OF KASHMIR**

## **Syllabus for Two Year P.G Entrance Test Session 2026 (12 Units)**

### **Unit 1: Basic Concepts in Sociology**

- Society, Community, Association, Institution
- Status and Role
- Social Change, Social Control, Social Conflict
- Social Groups and Organizations

### **Unit 2: Emergence and Development of Sociology**

- Social, Political and Intellectual Forces: Industrial Revolution, French Revolution and the Enlightenment
- Rise of Positivism: Shift from Metaphysical to Scientific Explanations, Growth of Empiricism
- Two Schools of Thought: Formalistic and Synthetic School
- Relationship of Sociology with Other Social Sciences: History, Economics, Political Science, and Anthropology

### **Unit 3: Culture and Society**

- Elements of Culture: Language, Norms, Sanctions, Values, Mores and Folkways
- Cultural Universals, Innovation, Diffusion
- Ethnocentrism, Cultural Relativism
- Socialization, Anticipatory Socialization and Re-Socialization

### **Unit 4: Kinship**

- Kinship: Meaning and types
- Decent and Linage, Clan, Phratry, Moiety
- Kinship Terminology and Usage
- Changes in Kinship: Refigured Kinship

### **Unit 5: Foundational Thinkers in Sociology**

- Auguste Comte
- Emile Durkheim
- Karl Marx
- Max Weber

### **Unit 6: Indian Society: Structure and Change**

- Evolution of Indian Society: Unity in Diversity
- Caste System: Origin and Characteristics
- Sanskritization, Modernization and Westernization
- Major Social Movements in India: Nationalist, Tribal and Peasant

### **Unit 7: Population Studies**

- Sources of Demographic Data: Census, Sample Registration System (SRS), National Family Health Survey (NFHS), Civil Registration System (CRS)
- Demographic Processes: Fertility, Mortality, Migration
- Population Theories: Malthusian Theory, Demographic Transition Theory, Dumont's Theory of Population

- Trends of Population Growth and Family Planning in India

#### **Unit 8: Major Perspectives in Sociology**

- Structural Functional
- Conflict and Marxist
- Symbolic Interactionism and Phenomenological
- Feminist and Intersectional

#### **Unit 9: Rural Sociology**

- Agrarian Social Structure
- Theoretical Approaches to the Study of Rural Society: Structural-functional, Marxist, Subaltern and Gandhian
- Rural Change Through Development, Land Reforms, Panchayati Raj System and Peasant Movements
- Agrarian Unrest and Depeasantization

#### **Unit 10: Gender and Society**

- Basic Concepts: Gender, Sex, Equality and Inequality, Patriarchy, Intersectionality
- Feminist Perspectives: Liberal, Marxist, Radical and Post-Modern Feminism
- Gender Formation: Gender Socialization, Gender Identification, Gender Role, Femininity and Masculinity
- Gender Issues in India: Dowry, Domestic Violence, Work-Place Harassment, Declining Sex Ratio, Gender Based Violence

#### **Unit 11: Social Research:**

- Qualitative and Quantitative Research
- Reliability, Validity and Reflexivity
- Hypothesis: Significance, Sources and Types
- Research Design: Descriptive, Exploratory, Evaluative, Explanatory

#### **Unit 12: Tools and Methods of Data Collection**

- Interview, Questionnaire and Schedule
- Observation, Case Study and Content Analysis
- Census and Survey
- Sampling: Characteristics, Types, Uses and Limitations