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M. Phil / Ph. D. Entrance Test Syllabus

Unit I
- Historical and socio-economic background of the emergence of sociology.  
- Contributions of Emile Durkheim; Karl Marx; Max Weber  
- Structuralism: Assumptions and Postulates, Contributions of C. Levi- Strauss;  
  Post-Structuralism: Jacques Derrida and Michel Foucault; Structuration: Anthony Giddens  
- Functionalism: Premises and Propositions, Contributions of A.R. Radcliff-Brown,  
  Bronislaw Malinowski, R. K. Merton, Parsons and AGIL model  
- Symbolic Interactionism; Phenomenology; Ethnomethodology

Unit II
- Basic Concepts: Society, Community Association  
- Values and Norms; Status and Role; Social Groups  
- Social Institutions: Family, Marriage, Kinship, Religion,  
- Social Processes: Socialization, Social Change, Social Conflict and Social Control

Unit III
- Elements of Scientific methods and various steps in social research  
- Basic concepts: Hypothesis, theory and facts, facts and values; Induction and Deduction in Social Research  
- Research Design and its Types  
- Qualitative Research Techniques: Observation, Case Study Method and Content Analysis  
- Sampling; Data Analysis; Report writing

Unit IV
- Approaches to Study Indian Society: Structural–Functional: M.N. Srinivas,  
  S.C. Dube; Indological: G.S. Ghurye, Louis Dumont; Marxian: D.P. Mukherjee,  
  A.R. Desai; Subaltern: B.R. Ambedkar  
- Caste and Class; Jajmani System; Panchayati Raj Institution  
- Processes of Social Change in India: Sanskritization, Islamization, Westernization,  
  Secularization and Modernization  
- Focused areas of Development in India: Women, Children, Aged, Minorities;  
  Poverty Alleviation and Rural Development Programmes