

MODEL QUESTION PAPER 1  
BA SOCIOLOGY DEGREE EXAMINATION

**FIRST SEMESTER**

**CORE COURSE – METHODOLOGY AND PERSPECTIVES OF SOCIAL SCIENCES**

Time: 3 hours

Max marks: 80

**Part A**

**Answer all questions in one sentence each. Each question carries 1 mark.**

1. What is a Science?
2. Explain the subject matter of Sociology.
3. What is “Case study” method?
4. What do you understand by the term “Objectivity”?
5. Explain “Inter Disciplinary” approach.
6. Explain ‘Longitudinal survey’.
7. What is Gender?
8. What is Positivism?
9. Distinguish between the ‘book view’ and the ‘field view’ of Indian society.
10. Which are the three levels of adaptive structures of caste according to Harold Gould.

(10x1=10marks)

**Part B**

**Answer any 8 of the following in not more than 50 words each.**

**Each question carries 2 marks**

11. Explain Ethical Neutrality in Social sciences.
12. Briefly explain Skepticism.
13. What is the meaning of Epistemology?
14. What is Anthropology?
15. Find out the relation between Social psychology & Sociology.
16. Explain Caste and Class as ‘Status Groups’.
17. Explain the structure of family as described by 1P Desai.
18. What are the different sociological perspectives?
19. Narrate the observations of the ‘Mandal Commission’ on caste in India.
20. Give four forms of gender inequality.
21. What do you mean by the term ‘Enlightment’?.
22. Name four important laws relating to women.

(8x2= 16marks)

**PART C**

**Answer any six of the following in not more than 200 words each. Each question carries four marks**

23. Discuss the steps in Scientific method.
24. Distinguish between Census method and Sample survey. Illustrate with examples.
25. Analyze the relevance of social sciences in solving contemporary problems.
26. 'Industrialisation leads to the disintegration of the joint family' - Discuss
27. Discuss the contribution of M.N. Srinivas in the study of caste in India.
28. Define Social Facts? Examine the methods to study social facts as proposed by Emile Durkheim.
29. Explain the Case Study Method
30. Examine the significance of Statistical analysis in social science
31. What do Political Science Study? How is it different from Sociology?

(6x4=24marks)

**PART D**

**Answer any two of the following in not more than 500 words each. Each question carries 15 marks**

32. Trace out the emergence of different social sciences and examine how they are related to one another.
33. What are the difficulties in achieving objectivity in social science disciplines?
34. Analyze the ethical issues involved in Social Science research
35. Critically evaluate the modern trends in Caste System

(2x 15=30marks)

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MODEL QUESTION PAPER 2

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**CORE COURSE – METHODOLOGY AND PERSPECTIVES OF SOCIAL SCIENCES**

Time: 3 hours

Max marks: 80

**Part A**

**Answer all questions in one sentence each. Each question carries 1 mark**

1. How is social science distinct from Philosophy, art or Literature?
2. In what way did Renaissance contribute to the emergence of Social sciences?
3. What constitute the vocabulary of social science?
4. What was Francis Bacon's notion of Science?
5. What is 'Ethical neutrality'?
6. Explain 'Historical method' ?
7. What is 'Sanskritization'?
8. In what sense is social science scientific?
9. Explain 'Value-freedom' in social science?
10. What was the 'Orientalist' view of Indian society?

(10x1=10marks)

**Part B**

**Answer any 8 questions in not more than 50 words each.  
Each question carries 2 marks.**

11. What is the purpose of social science? Illustrate your answer with an example
12. What is a variable? Distinguish between dependent and independent variable with examples.
13. Define scientific method. What are the basic assumption that underlies the use of scientific method?
14. Explain the three typical methods in social science.
15. Why is it difficult to formulate precise laws in social sciences?
16. Can you study social problems by means of experimental method? Justify your answer.
17. What is meant by Positivism? Explain the stages of positivism that Auguste Comte proposed.
18. What was the fundamental issue raised by Max Weber regarding Scientific Method?
19. What is 'Social Structure'?
20. What do you understand by the official view of Caste?
21. What did the Kaka Kalelkar Commission study?
22. Write a brief note on ' Backward Classes and Affirmative Action'

(8x2= 16marks)

**PART C**

**Answer any six of the following in not more than 200 words each.  
Each question carries 4 marks**

23. Give an account of Scientific method.
24. Explain the limits to objectivity in social science studies.

25. Briefly explain the relation between various social sciences.
26. Examine the observations of Louis Dumont on Caste in India.
27. Explain how gender is related to caste and class
28. Explain 'Caste Resilience' and Structural Adaptation'.
29. Distinguish between the three major fields of human knowledge.
30. 'The Social sciences cannot be put together through a unified theory' - Discuss
31. Explain 'Values' as premises of Social Research

(6x4=24marks)

#### **PART D**

**Answer any two of the following in not more than 500 words.**

**Each question carries 15 marks**

32. Discuss the social science approaches to problems
33. Examine Max Weber's contribution to the methodology of Social Sciences.
34. Explain 'Hierarchy as an all- embracing principle' of caste in India.
35. Discuss the impact of industrialization on the Indian family.

(2x15=30marks)

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