

# Syllabus for Entrance Test for Admission to the M.A. Sociology Course during the Year – 2024-25

**Unit-1: Emergence of Sociology** – Meaning, Scope and Importance of Sociology-  
Major Branches of Sociology.

**Unit-2: Sociological Theory** – Meaning and Importance-Contributions of August  
Comte, Herbert Spencer, Emile Durkheim, Max Weber and Karl Marx.

**Unit-3: Basic Concepts in Sociology**- Society, Community, Association, Institution,  
Culture, Socialization, Social Change and Social Processes.

**Unit-4: Characteristics of Rural Society** –Factor, affecting Change in Rural India-  
Rural Problems.

**Unit-5: Social Stratification**- Meaning and Characteristics – Types of  
Stratification: Caste, Class, Estate - Social Mobility- Meaning, Factors  
affecting Social Mobility.

**Unit-6: Indian Society**- Characteristic Features- Changing Trends in Caste- Family  
and Marriage in Indian Society- Changing Role and Status of Women in  
Indian Society- Impact of Globalization on Indian Society.

**Unit-7: Urban Community**: Characteristics – Distinction between Urban and Rural  
Communities - Urbanization and Urbanism – Urban Problems – Urban  
Development.

**Unit-8: Population Studies**: Meaning, Scope and Importance- Sources of  
Population Data- Components of Population – Age, Sex, Religion and  
Occupation – Mortality and Fertility- Factors affecting Population Growth-  
Population Policy in India.

**Unit-9: Social Movements**: Meaning and Objectives- Role of Social Movements in  
Social Change- Types of Social Movements – Peasant Movement, Dalit  
Movement and Backward Class Movement in Karnataka.

**Unit-10: Rural Development**: Meaning and Factors – Role of Self-Help Groups,  
Panchayati Raj Institutions, Co-operatives and NGOs.

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