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PAPER I - RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

Unit I

Social research – meaning and importance.

Theory and research - basic concepts of research – theory – fact – concept – variable – hypothesis - causation.

Types of research – pure and applied - longitudinal and cross-sectional - qualitative and quantitative

Unit II

Research design – exploratory – descriptive - explanatory - evaluative

Sampling concepts – population - sample frame - sampling - probability and nonprobability sampling – sampling process – sample size - characteristics of a good sampling design.

Unit III

Measurement - conceptualization - specification of variables and indicators - operationalization - reliability and validity - levels of measurement

Scaling techniques - Likert - Guttman - Thurstone. Sociometry

Unit IV

Data collection – sources of data – methods – observation – interview - questionnaire - tools of data collection

Data processing and analysis – checking - classification – coding – editing – entering - tabulation

Analysis – central tendency and dispersion – correlation and regression

Tests of significance – chi square – t test – analysis of variance.

Unit V

Qualitative methods - case study – focus group discussion – content analysis

Report writing – introduction and presentation of research problem – review of literature – research setting - methods – findings – discussion – references

Synopsis – abstract – executive summary

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PAPER II - THEORETICAL PERSPECTIVES

Unit 1

Introduction :

Nature of sociological theory – levels of theorization in sociology – relationship between theory and research

Unit 2

Structural-functionalism :

The idea of social structure: A.R. Radcliffe Brown – the problems of role analysis: S.F. Nadel – functional dimensions of social system: T. Parsons – Codification, critique and reformulation of functional analysis: R.K. Merton – neofunctionalism: J. Alexander

Structuralism and poststructuralism: M. Foucault

Unit 3

Dialectics of conflict: Karl Marx:

Critique of Marx and Normative structure & power: R. Dahrendorf

Functional analysis of conflict: Lewis Coser

Conflict and social change: R. Collins

Neo-Marxism

Unit 4

Interactionist perspective :

Symbolic interactionism: G.H. Mead and H. Blumer – phenomenological sociology: A.

Schutz – social construction of reality: P. Berger and T.G. Luckmann –

ethnomethodology: H. Garfinkel

Unit 5

Social exchange theory – Homans & Blau

Social networks and reciprocity

Recent trends in sociological theorizing

Postmodernism

Globalization and identities

Micro-macro link

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