



## **Syllabus for PhD Entrance Exam January -2025**

### **Department: SOCIAL WORK**

#### **Part I – Research Methodology**

- Unit 1 Introduction to Research: Concept and significance of research–types of research, research design–selection and formulation of research problem–objectives and hypotheses. Problem formulation, operationalization of variables, literature view and application of theory in research,
- Unit 2 Research Design: Quantitative and qualitative research designs such as survey research, participatory action research, evaluation research, ethnographic, phenomenological, and case studies. Quantifying data; Qualitative and quantitative data analysis
- Unit 3 Sample and Sample Design. The logic and process of sampling of quantitative and qualitative. Data Collection: Sources of data: Types of Data (Categorical and Numerical). Methods of Data collection.
- Unit 4 Report writing- Report–types of report- steps in preparation of report- Structure, Layout and Language of report- Illustrations and Tables. Bibliography, Referencing, and Foot Notes. Preparation of Project Proposal- References (Styles of referencing). Budget and Justification.
- Unit 5 Research Ethics: Research Ethics – Ethics Committee/Review Board. Intellectual Property rights –Reproduction of Published Material. Citation and Acknowledgement, Plagiarism.

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## **PART II – DOMAIN SPECIFIC**

### **Unit 1 Social Work Theory and Methods**

- An overview of the methods of social work (casework, group work, community organisation, social action) and their applicability in the contemporary world.
- Critical analysis of the principles of social work with critical application of ethical issues in practice
- Grand Macro level social theoretical framework in social work: (Marxism, Humanistic theory, existentialism)
- Middle range theories: (psychodynamic theory, cognitive theory, conflict theory, systems theory, ecological perspective, social learning theory):
- Micro level theories, (psychoanalytic theory, psychosocial theory, role theory), modernity and post-modernity
- Social work practice models: problem solving process, crisis intervention, task centered approach, problem solving, locality development model, cognitive behavioural approach in counseling

### **Unit 2 Community Organisation and Development**

- Theoretical perspectives of community development and their application in different contexts, assessing community needs and resources, community organizing techniques and outcomes, community mobilization, resource generation,
- Planning for social action change in communities, developing strategic plans/ social and economic development in community planning and social action,
- Capacity building and training of trainers in community mobilization and action, the role of globalization in community planning and action, and strategies of collective action and organizing

### **Unit 3 Human Rights and Social Justice**

- Conceptualization of the core foundations (Human Rights, Social Justice and Professional conduct) and their role, effectiveness, strengths, limitations

- The meaning and conceptualisation of social and economic justice in different contexts; social and economic justice as a basic human right; the continuum of basic human rights and resource distribution; the conceptualisation of justice, meaning of social justice, social justice, and its relationship with economic justice; the problems involved in practical implementation of social and economic justice; and dimensions of social justice in relation to the family and minority groups in society.
- Critical application of ethical issues in practice, alongside the principles (acceptance, self-determination, individualism etc)

#### Unit 4     **Programme Planning and Management**

- Project Identification & Project Sequences (cycles)
- Application of Logical Framework Approach (LFA), Stakeholder analysis, Community participatory techniques,
- Strategic planning for positive social change, understanding and solving organizational and community problems, challenges of employees in social service agencies.
- Monitoring and evaluation of financial statements in social service delivery services, improving internal and external communication,
- Fundraising for service delivery, designing service delivery programs, volunteer programs in social service delivery and resource development for effective management of social service delivery agencies

#### Unit 5     **Social Policy Development and Analysis**

- The nature of social policy and its formulation, social policy and culture, importance of social policy in development, housing, disability, youth at risk, maternal child health care services, social protection through social policy,
- Social policy analysis process and its challenges, social policy formulation, actors in social policy formulation and implementation
- Challenges of policy implementation and evaluation, the situation of social welfare, and implementation in the world today.

## Unit 6     **Gender Issues in Development**

- Meaning and conceptualization of gender in different contexts, meaning of gender and its role in development, meaning of development, concepts in gender analysis,
- Implication and effect of gender in social work practice and discourse
- Gender violence and conflict resolution, gender reconstruction wheel,
- Gender and employment, gender and law, gender and religion, gender issues in democracy, governance and political participation,
- Gender and reproductive health, gender and technology transfer, gender theories, environment and globalization

## Unit 7     **Psychology & Health Service**

- The biological and environmental foundations of human growth and development, nature vs. Nurture in human growth and development, cognitive emotional and physical phases of elderly development,
- Principles and approaches of counselling, social and psychological aspects of counselling, counselling theory, the social-cultural counselling and challenges of counselling in different social-cultural contexts
- Indian Public Health Care System, Health policy and health quality assurance, inequalities in health and mechanisms for reduction

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