

Syllabus for Ph.D Entrance Test in Political Science

Research Methodology and Cogned Subject / Core Subject

Chapter-1 Nature of Social Science Research

- a) Meaning and Nature
- b) Nature of Scientific Research
- c) Nature of Political Research
- d) Importance
- e) Steps in Research –Specifying the Research question or Problem- Hypothesis- Concepts-Variables

Chapter-2 Research Methodology

- a) Historical
- b) Analytical
- c) Comparative Method
- d) Observational Method
- e) Theoretical Method
- f) Empirical Method
- g) Behavioral Method
- h) Case Study

Chapter-3 Preparation of Research proposals

- a) Objectivity in Research
- b) Values and Ethics in Research
- c) Research Design
- d) Facts –Value-Dichotomy

Chapter -4 Measurements, Collection of Data and Observation

- a) Measurements- Operationalisation-Measurement-Research Design or Synopsis
- b) Collection Of Data-Meaning-Types-Methods of Data Collection
- c) Observation-Meaning and Nature-Types-Limitations or Errors

Chapter-5 Interview, Questionnaire and Sampling

- a) Interview-Meaning and Types
- b) Questionnaire-Meaning and Types
- c) Sampling-Meaning and Types of Sampling

Chapter-6 Literature Review, Data Processing, Tabulation and Reporting

- a) Literature Review-Document Analysis
- b) Data Processing-Stages of Data Processing
- c) Tabulation-Types of Tabulation
- d) Reporting-Types of Reporting

Chapter-7 Political Theory and Thinkers

- a) Political Science-Meaning - Nature and Importance
- b) Methods in the study of Political Science-Historical – Comparatative - Empirical and Behavioral
- c) State-Meaning-Definition-Elements
- d) Sovereignty-Meaning-Definition-Characteristics and Kinds
- e) Origin of the State-Devine Origin Theory-Force Theory-Historical or Evolutionary Theory
- f) Plato, Aristotal, Machiavlli, Thomas Hobb's, Lock, Rosseau, Bentham, J.S Mill and Karlmarks, Koutilya, Nehru, Ambedakar and Gandhi.

Chapter-8 Indian Constitution and Government

- a) Salient features and Preamble of the Constitution
- b) Fundamental Rights and Duties
- c) Directive Principles of State Policy
- d) Indian Federalism
- e) Union and State Executive
- f) Union and State Legislature
- g) Supreme Court and High Court

Chapter-9 Public Administration

- a) Meaning, Definition, Nature, Scope and Importance of Public Administration
- b) Principles of Organisation
- c) Chief Executive
- d) Departmental Organisation
- e) Personnel Administration-Recruitment-Training-Promotion-Morale-Discipline
- f) Delegated Legislation and Administrative Adjudication
- g) Financial administration-Meaning-Importance-Budget-Meaning and Importance-Principles of sound Budget
- h) Control over administration-legislature, Executive, Judiciary and popular

Chapter-10 International Relations

- a) Meaning- Nature –Scope and Importance of International Relation
- b) Approaches to the Study of International Relations
- c) National Power-Meaning-Nature-Importance and Elements of National Power
- d) Foreign Policy-Meaning-Nature and Importance-Agencies involved in the Formulation of Foreign Policy
- e) Diplomatic Privileges and Immunities
- f) Balance of Power
- g) Collective Security
- h) Pacific Settlement of International Disputes –Meaning and Methods
- i) League of Nations and U.N.O.