

# **Syllabus for PhD Entrance Examination Social Sciences (50 marks)**

**The Assam Kaziranga University**

## **Part A Research Methodology**

### **01 Meaning and Nature of Social Research**

- Nature of Social phenomena
- Scientific Methods in Social Research

### **02 Research Designs and Methods**

- Meaning and Types of Research Designs
- Sampling and Scaling Methods and Techniques
- Quantitative and Qualitative Data Collection Techniques.

### **03 Statistics and Problems of Measurement in Social Research**

- Measures of Central Tendency: Mean, Median and Mode
- Measure of Dispersion
- Reliability and Validity

## **Part B Concepts, Theories and Contemporary Issues**

### **04 Classical, Modern and Post Modern Sociological Theories**

- Emile Durkheim, Max Weber, George Simmel.
- Structuralism : Radcliffe Brown, S.F.Nadel
- Critical Theories: Horkheimer, Habermas
- Phenomenology: Peter Berger and Thomas Luckman.
- Post Modernism: Michel Foucault

### **05 Conceptualizing Indian Society: Theoretical Perspective**

- Indological Approach: G.S.Ghurye, Louis Dumont
- Structural-Functionalism: M.N.Srinivas, S.C.Dube
- Marxian Perspective: D.P.Mukherjee, A.R.Desai
- Civilizational Perspective: N.K.Bose, Surjit Sinha
- Subaltern Perspective: B.R.Ambedkar, David Hardiman