

**B.A. (Liberal Arts)**  
**Discipline Specific Elective (DSE): SOCIOLOGY**

**SEMESTER – V**  
**BLAB33505T SOCIAL RESEARCH METHODS**

**MAX. MARKS:100**  
**EXTERNAL:70**  
**INTERNAL:30**  
**PASS:40%**

**Objective:**

**Credits:6**

This paper is intended to help the students to develop special skills to understand society on their own through their direct engagement with society. The student will learn through this paper that sociology tries to make sense of our day to day lives through systematic application of scientific methods in order to develop theories and analysis.

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PAPER SETTER/EXAMINER:**

1. The syllabus prescribed should be strictly adhered to.
2. The question paper will consist of three sections: A, B, and C. Sections A and B will have four questions each from the respective sections of the syllabus and will carry 10 marks each. The candidates will attempt two questions from each section.
3. Section C will have fifteen short answer questions covering the entire syllabus. Each question will carry 3 marks. Candidates will attempt any 10 questions from this section.
4. The examiner shall give a clear instruction to the candidates to attempt questions only at one place and only once. Second or subsequent attempts, unless the earlier ones have been crossed out, shall not be evaluated.
5. The duration of each paper will be three hours.

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE CANDIDATES:**

Candidates are required to attempt any two questions each from the sections A, and B of the question paper, and any ten short answer questions from Section C. They have to attempt questions only at one place and only once. Second or subsequent attempts, unless the earlier ones have been crossed out, shall not be evaluated.

**Section-A**

1. Social research: nature and types, basic and applied
2. Scientific method: definition and characteristics
3. Hypothesis: Meaning, characteristics and sources.
4. Methods of research: Quantitative and Qualitative research
5. Field based research: Ethnography, Focused Group Discussion

## **Section-B**

1. Sources of data: Primary and secondary, review of literature.
2. Techniques of data collection: Interview schedule, questionnaire,
3. Sampling: Meaning, and Types (Probability and Non-Probability)
4. Presentation and Analysis of data: coding, tabulation, diagrams, graphs
5. Measures of central tendency: Mean, median and mode.

### **Suggested Readings:**

Bajpai, S.R. 1991. *Methods of Social Survey and Research*. Kanpur: Kitab Ghar

Goode, William J. & Paul K Hatt. 1952. *Methods in Social Research*. New Delhi, McGraw Hill.  
Hughes, John 1987 *The Philosophy of Social Research*. London: Longman

Mann, Michael(ed) 1994. *Macmillan Student Encyclopedia of Sociology*. London: MacmillanPress.

Selltiz, C. (et al). 1976. *Research Methods in Social Relations*. New York: Holt, Rinehart and Winston.

Young, P.V. 1966. *Scientific Social Surveys and Research*. New Delhi: Prentice Hall India.