VIDYASAGAR UNIVERSITY

Department of Sociology

Syllabus for Ph.D. Coursework (Revised)

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SYLLABUS FOR PH.D COURSEWORK – 2015

PAPER I,II,III & IV

SOCIOLOGY

Paper – I: Research Methodology including Thesis and assignment writing (50 marks)

Unit – I: a) Nature and objective of research

b) Qualitative, Quantitative and Mixed method

c) Social Statistics: Descriptive and Inferential Statistics

Unit – II: a) Major steps in Social Researches

Unit – III: a) Hypothesis and research questions and sampling.

b) Data collection Documentary sources, observations and interviews

Unit – IV: a) Bibliography and Referencing

b) Thesis and Assignment writing – Assignment writing (any one)

i. Book Review

ii. Term Paper

Suggested Readings:

1. Earl Babbie: The Practice of Social Research
2. P.V.Young: Scientific Social Survey and Research
3. Goode and Hatt: Methods in Social Research
4. Theresa Baker: Doing Social Research

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Paper – II: Computer Application – Relevant to Research Work in the subjects concerned

(50 marks)

Unit – I: Computer fundamentals – Hardware (PC, Desktop, Laptop, CD-R, CD-RW, DVD, Hard Disc, Pen Drive use, LAN, WAN, Printer, Scanner etc.)

Software (System Programmes, Programmable Packages and Programmes) and

Operating system (Windows: creation, access and transfer of folders and files).

Unit – II: Internet – Browsing, Download, Upload of files, e-mail, e-journal and e-books.

Unit – III: MS-Office: Creating and editing word file: References, Index, Sort, Auto, summary, PDF, Print, Mail-merge etc.

Unit – IV: Collection and presentation of Data: tables and Diagrams

Unit – V: SPSS

Assignment writing (Any one):

1. Preparing a power point presentation
2. Social Statistics

Paper – III: Advanced topics in Emerging Areas covering the whole subject (50 marks)

Each year Departmental Committee will select any one of the following texts for the topics to be studied.

1. Post Structuralism:
2. Post Modernism:
3. Feminism: Feminism – Jane Freedman
4. Phenomenology: Contemporary Sociological Theory – Wallace and Wolf
5. Ethnomethodology: Modern Sociological Theory – Francis Abraham

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Paper – IV: Advanced topics in Emerging Areas covering the whole subject (50 marks)

A. Review of one book related to the research topics of the scholars

B. Review of literature on the research topic

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