

**Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune**  
**PhD ( PET) Entrance Test Syllabus**

**Subject: Social Work**

**Unit I : Research in Social Work : Quantitative and Qualitative Approaches**

- A) **Quantitative Research: Basics of Social Science Research:** Meaning of Research, Social Science and Social Work Research : Meaning, Nature and Scope. **Steps in Social Science Research:** Identifications and Formulations of Research Problem, Literature Review, Objectives and Hypothesis Formulation, Research Design, Sample Design, Sources, Methods and Tools of Data Collection, Processing and Analysis of Data and Writing Research Reports including Presentations and Styles of References, Citing and Paraphrasing. Research Ethics and Plagiarism. **Basic Statistical concepts:** Process of statistical Enquiry and dealing with Descriptive and Inferential Statistical Methods, Parametric and Non- parametric Tests.
- B) **Qualitative Research:** Meaning, Basic tenets of Qualitative Research, Difference between Quantitative and Qualitative Approach to Research in social Work. **Designing Qualitative Research:** Steps, Methods of Qualitative Research (Field study, Case Study, Focus Group Discussions, Narratives, Observation and Theoretic Research), **Managing Qualitative Data :** Procedures and Techniques of Analyzing Qualitative Data and Report Writing. C) **Mixed Method Research :** Components of Mixed Methods, Procedures of Combine Quantitative and Qualitative research.

**Unit II : Nature and Development of Social Work**

- **Social Work :** Definition, Scope, Principles, Nature, Goals and Process
- **Historical Development:** Development of Professional Social Work across the world (U.K., U.S.A., and India)
- **Social Reform and Professional Social Work:** Contribution of Social Reformers in 19th and 20th Century in the development of Professional Social Work in India.
- **Social Work as a Profession in India:** Values, Competencies and Code of Ethics for the Social Work Practitioners.
- **Theories:** Theories for Social Work Practice
- **Changing Context of Social Work Practice :** Emerging Perspectives, Trends and Challenges of Social Work for Practice, Global Perspectives and trends.
- **Social Work Practice in various settings:** (Family, Child and Youth welfare, Industry, Older Persons, Persons with Disabilities, Environment, Women and Welfare, Healthcare and Disaster Management.)

**Unit III : Society, Human Behaviour and Communities:** Sociological Concepts, Approaches to the study of Society, Communities, Social System and Stratification, Human Behaviour, Theories of Personality, Social Psychology.

**Unit IV : Social Work with Individuals and Groups:** Basic Social Case Work Concepts, Approaches to Social Case Work Practice, Process and Techniques of Social Case Work, Social Group Work; Social Group Work Process and Group Dynamics; Group Development, Practice Sites of Social Case Work and Social Group

**Unit V : Social Work with Communities and Social Action:** Community Organization, Process of Community Organization, Approaches in Community Organization Practice, Models, Strategies, The role of Community Based Organizations, Leadership Development and Leaders, Building Partnerships and coalitions. Social Action and Social Movements, Models of Social Action, Social Movements: Social Movements, Social Action and Social Change.

**Unit VI : Administration, Welfare and Development Services:** Social Welfare Administration, Types of Administration, Registration of Welfare Agencies, Structure of Social Welfare Administration, Components of Administration, Strategies and Mechanisms of Administration: Role of Social Workers in Decision Making Process, Communication, Role Description and Functioning, Sustainability of Programmes. Fund raising and Resource Mobilization.

**Unit VII : Social Policy, Planning and Social Development:** Social Policy, Concept, Goals, Scope, Context and Models of Social Policy and applicability in Indian context. Historical Development, Process of Policy Social Planning; Concept, Objectives, Scope, Models, Interrelationship between Social and Economic Planning, Social Planning in India. Five Year Plans, Social Development, Sustainable Development, Concept, Strategies, Critical issues , Salient Features of Social Development. Approaches to Social Development; Similarities and Differences. Strategic Development Goals, Human Development Index and Indicators for Policies and Programmes

**Unit VIII : Indian Constitution, Social Justice, Human Rights and Social Work Practice: Indian Constitution:** Characteristics, Features, Preamble, Directive Principles of State Policy and Articles. **Social Justice :** Concept, Definition, Historical Development, Dimensions, Manifestations and Social Justice as a Core value of Social Work Profession. **Social Justice and Leadership:** Community Building, Personal and Community Empowerment, Social Justice and Technology, Promoting a Plan and Vision for Change, Reflections and Connection, Social Reconstructions, Paradigms, Policies, Privileges, Implications of Social Justice for Policy Formulation. **Instrument of Social Justice, Human Rights and Social Work :** Code of Ethics of Social work and Protection of Human Rights, Human Rights perspective in Social Work Practice, Ethnic sensitive practice, Feminist Practice, Social Work with Diverse Groups. **Violation of Human Rights and Social work practice:** Social Work with the Victims of Human Rights Violations and Human Rights Activism. Role of UNHCR, National Human Rights Commission and International Human Rights Agencies.

#### **Unit IX : Areas of Social Work Practice - I**

**-Medical Social Work and Psychiatric Social Work:** Concept, Evolution, Roles, Functions / Responsibilities of Medical Social Workers and Psychiatric Social Workers. **Mental Health and Disease:** Normal and abnormal behaviour, Epidemiology, Etiology, Types, Clinical Manifestation and Management of Schizophrenia, Mood Disorders, Neurotic Disorders, stress related Disorders, Somatoform Disorders, Child and Adolescent Mental Health Problems, Legislations related to Mental Health. **Theories of Aging and Vulnerability:** Psychological and Sociological Theories of Aging, Psychological, Social, Physical needs and problems of Older Persons. Rights of Older Persons against Neglect, Abuse, Violence and Abandonment and Social Work Interventions. **Persons with Disabilities:** Models of Disability, Disability Movement – Historical Perspective, National and International Milestones from Welfare to Right based Approach, Legislative Measures and Social Work Interventions. **Gender and Development:** Expressions of Gender Disparity in Education, Health, Property, Employment and Livelihood, Decision Making, Feminization of Poverty and Manifestations of Gender based Violence. Constitutional & Legislative Safeguards and Social work Interventions.

**-Labour Welfare & Human Resource Management (HRM), Personnel Management and Industrial Relations:** Concept, Definition , Objectives, Scope., Functions, Determinants and Reflectors of Industrial Relations, Models of Industrial Relations, Globalization and Industry, International Labour Organization(ILO) Role, Functions; Collective Bargaining, Job Analysis, Manpower Planning, Organization Behaviour and Organization Development Interventions. (CSR) Corporate Social Responsibility.

**-Social Work with Families:** Functions, Developmental Stages and Family patterns, Family Dynamics and Theoretical Models of Family Functioning (Circumflex model, Mc Master Model and Structural Model) and Social Work Interventions.

**- Child Development:** Concept, Philosophy and Historical context, State of Children in India – Demographic Profile, Education, and Protection. **Policies & Programmes for Children:** Constitutional Provisions, National Policy on Children, International perspective and UN convention on rights of children, Programmes and Legislative Measures related to Protection of Children from Sexual Offences, Female Feticide, Adoption, Foster Care, Guardianship and Child Marriage and Social Work Interventions.

**- Social Work with Urban, Rural and Tribal Communities.**

**-Social Defence, Legislations and Criminal Justice System.**

## **Unit X : Areas of Social Work Practice - II**

**-Environment and Social Work:** Causes and Consequences, Differential impact on Women, Poor, Marginalised Groups and Indigenous Populations. Environment in the Human Rights Perspective. Environmental Movements and social work interventions in the management, protection and promotion of the environment.

**-Social Work and Disaster Management:** Disaster related concept and Definitions: Hazard, Risk, Vulnerability and Disaster, different forms of natural & manmade disasters. Impact of Disaster and Disaster Management Initiatives, Pre and Post Disaster Interventions.

**- Social Work and Pandemic situation,** role of social work in controlling and management of pandemics.

**-Current trends and Challenges in Social Work** – Education, Training, Profession and Practice.