

## Questions for the master's degree exam in Sociology

Part 1: Main categories of sociology, empirical sociology, sociology methods, history of sociology, social structure:

1. Sociology as a science. Object and subject of sociology. Place of sociology in the system of social sciences.
2. Social action and interaction.
3. Social stratification and social mobility. Types of social mobility.
4. Methods of Sociology: Classification and General Characteristics.
5. Social change and social processes: definition and typology.
6. Civil society. Civil society in Russia at the present stage.
7. The emergence of sociology. Sociological views of O. Cont.
8. K. Marx and his understanding of society.
9. Sociological views of G. Spencer.
10. E. Durkheim's sociological views.
11. Sociological works of M. Weber.
12. Social structure of modern Russian society. Middle class in modern Russia.
13. Social community, its types. Mass social communities.
14. Concept of social group, typology of social groups. Small social group, its signs. Reference groups.
15. Social policy: definition and models. Features of social policy implementation in Russia at the present stage.

Part 2: General sociology. Branches of Sociology.

16. Socialization. Agents and institutions of socialization. Theories of socialization.
17. Social status. Status set. Social role. Role-playing set. Mechanisms of role behavior regulation.
18. Social Institute: definition, features, functions, dysfunctions. Classification of social institutions.
19. Sociology of social problems: essence of the approach and main representatives.
20. Culture as a subject of sociology. Functions of the culture.
21. Demographic processes in modern Russia.
22. Deviant Behavior: Definition, Species, Approaches to the Study.
23. Conflict as a subject of sociological analysis.
24. Phenomenon of anomie in the works of E. Durkheim and R. Merton.
25. Globalization: definition and types. Globalization theories.

### Written Examination Criteria and Scales to a master's degree in SOCIOLOGY

0-25 points: Lack of knowledge of theoretical material. No answer.

26-50 points: The respondent does not demonstrate knowledge of the main categories of sociology, basic concepts, and approaches to the study of society, scientific paradigms and authors. The level of knowledge is below the minimum requirements. There are gross mistakes; there are no skills and abilities to solve elementary problems.

51-65 points: Minimum permissible level of knowledge. A lot of non-crude mistakes are made. Answers are formal in nature, not given in full, no mention is made of the main names and scientific approaches, and there is no creative beginning. The ability to solve typical problems is demonstrated, and the logic of the answer is clear.

66-84 points: The level of knowledge in the volume corresponding to the training program. A few minor mistakes were made. All basic theoretical concepts and their authors are mentioned. All main tasks with minor mistakes are solved. All the tasks have been completed in full, but with some defects. Basic skills in solving standard tasks with some defects are demonstrated.

85-100 points: High level of theoretical knowledge is demonstrated, exceeding the training program, answers do not contain errors, the material is presented in full. All the main tasks were solved with some insignificant defects; all tasks were completed in full. In solving the problems the creative beginning is demonstrated, in the answers the author's position and elements of critical analysis are demonstrated. The ability to solve non-standard tasks is shown. Answers reflect a high level of motivation and personal interest

1. Giddens A. Sociology. Polity Press, 2009. - 1183 p. 6 edition ISBN: 0745643582.
2. Giddens A. The Constitution of Society: Outline of the Theory of Structuration, 1986.
3. Sztopka P. Society in Action: The Theory of Social Becoming. – Cambridge: Polity Press and University of Chicago Press, 1991.
4. Babbie, Earl R. 1994. What is Society? Reflections on Freedom, Order, and Change. Thousand Oaks, CA, Pine Forge Press.
5. Charon, Joel M. 1999. The Meaning of Sociology. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice-Hall. 2001. Ten Questions: A Sociological Perspective. Belmont, CA: Wadsworth.
6. Sarah Tomley and Mitchell Hobbs The Sociology Book: Big Ideas Simply Explained. 2015.
7. David M. Newman. Sociology: Exploring the Architecture of Everyday Life. 2018.
8. George Ritzer and Wendy A. Wiedenhof Murphy. Essentials of Sociology. 2017.

9. Margaret L. Andersen, Howard F. Taylor, et al. Sociology: The Essentials. 2016.
10. George Ritzer. The McDonaldization of Society: Into the Digital Age. 2019.