

SOCIOLOGY | PhD Admissions Examination (2026) | Shiv Nadar University

Date of Examination: 4th July 2026 | Time: 11 AM | Duration: 3 Hours | Online

Examination Syllabus and Instructions

This written examination will last **three hours** and is designed to assess a general understanding of sociological perspectives and methodological frameworks.

The assessment is divided into two distinct parts, **Section A** and **Section B**, with each section presenting **two** questions.

Examinees are granted internal choice and must attempt **one question from each section**, resulting in a **total of two essays**.

It is advisable to complete each long-form answer within 90 minutes.

While the questions will be general in nature, successful candidates must demonstrate an advanced grasp of sociological theory and application; to achieve this, examinees are encouraged to actively use contemporary examples and their own proposed research questions to exemplify, ground, and illustrate their arguments wherever relevant.

Important Examination Notice

Please read the following instructions carefully regarding your upcoming online examination:

- **Exam Invitation:** You will be contacted directly by the examination agency, **Mettl**, with your official exam link and further instructions.
- **Email Verification:** Please ensure that your email address was entered correctly during registration to avoid missing crucial updates.
- **Support & Queries:** If you do not receive any communication from Mettl well before the scheduled examination time, please contact **Mr. George N. Chacko** immediately for assistance.

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