

**FURTHER DETAILS REGARDING MAIN TOPICS OF SL. NO.5  
IN PROGRAMME NO.15/2010**

**PSYCHIATRIC SOCIAL WORKER IN HEALTH SERVICES**

**CATEGORY NO. 213/2009**

**1. Society**

Meaning, characteristics and types of society, social group, social institution; Tribal, rural and urban communities, weaker and vulnerable sections and minorities.

Social structure and social stratification.

Culture: characteristics, structure, function, cultural development and cultural change, sub culture, contra culture, norms and values

Social Change: Meaning, Characteristics, Factors in Social Change, Theories of Social Change.

**2. Social Processes**

Social Interaction & Social Process: Characteristics, Types: Competition, Co-operation, Conflict, Accommodation & Assimilation.

Socialization - Definition, characteristics, types and agencies of Socialization - Theories of Socialization

Social Control: Definition, Characteristics, Forms and Agencies of Social Control, Functions. Deviance: Meaning, Characteristics, Types. Anomie - Sanctions - Aims of Sanctions - Types of Sanctions.

**3. Social Economy**

Population, population policy, poverty, unemployment, underdevelopment, problems of developing economies and consequences of new economic policy, human development, social development, sustainable development, poverty eradication mission in Kerala

#### **4. Social Issues**

Social Problems; Gender Issues - Child Labour - Beggary - Alcoholism  
-Drug Addiction, AIDS - suicide- Communalism - Terrorism  
-Corruption-environmental pollution-displacement. Causative factors in social problems, intervention in social problems at government and voluntary efforts at micro and macro level-welfare programmes and schemes for children, women, aged and physically disabled.

#### **5. Social Research**

Purpose and scope of social research. Research designs. Steps in social research -problem formulation, operationalisation of variables, sampling, tools of data collection, data analysis and report writing, writing research proposals

#### **6. Mental Health**

Concept of normality and abnormality-various models and viewpoints. Mental health, positive mental health. Classification of psychological disorders, causes, symptoms of major psychological disorders, social management and its implications.

**NOTE: - It may be noted that apart from the topics detailed above, questions from other topics prescribed for the educational qualification of the post may also appear in the question paper. There is no undertaking that all the topics above may be covered in the question paper.**