

Sociology

International Master in Comparative Social Research

CODE - 193

120 minutes

They may bring a Russian-English dictionary but no prepared notes of any kind. The test will be completely in English.

The exam will be composed of 3 sections. Grading of the overall exam will be based on weighting of the time allotted for each section. Students may use sheets of blank paper in order to take notes, but official answers must be provided in the test booklet.

1. Short Essay. Sample comparative-historical problem. 30 minutes.

Students will be presented with a table with countries as rows and country traits as columns. The table cells will contain either '1', meaning that a trait is present in a given country, or '0', that the trait is not present.

Write an essay that identifies the conditions that are necessary and/or sufficient for a '**High Level of Inclusive Migration Policy**' to emerge in a country based on the presence of the other traits. Students should describe their logic for arriving at the given result and assume the cell entries are correct.

Table 1

Impact on Inclusive Migration Policy

	World War 2 Victor	Internal Armed Conflict	Recent Sexual Revolution	Strong Information Economy	High Religiosity	High Level of Inclusive Migration Policy
Germany	0	0	1	1	0	1
India	0	1	0	1	1	0
Italy	0	0	1	0	1	1
Japan	0	0	0	1	0	1
Turkey	0	1	0	0	1	0
China	1	1	0	0	0	1
France	1	0	1	1	0	0
Russia	1	1	0	1	1	0
USA	1	0	1	1	1	0

2. Long Essay. Develop a research proposal. 70 minutes.

Students first read a short text by Radhika Balakrishnan and James Heintz. Then they fulfill the following task in an essay:

The authors argue that there is a relationship between human rights and inequalities in income and

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wealth in all countries, and that the distribution of resources affects political dynamics and power relations within which specific rights are realized.

Sketch out a research proposal that can test some aspect(s) of this idea today across a range of countries. Be sure to define a research question, define your concepts, list hypotheses and the reasoning behind them, describe in detail the method and its details (sampling, data gathering, analysis technique) that you will use to answer your question.

3. Analytical reasoning. 20 minutes.

The following multiple-choice analytical questions are designed to test your ability to accurately and quickly correctly determine the answer to problems. Please answer the following questions below:

Each question in this section is based on a set of conditions. Choose the response that most accurately and completely answers the question.

Questions I. to V. are based on the following:

Ms. Jackson's third-grade class must cover the following subjects during the course of the school day: social studies, music, art, math, spelling, and science. Each of these subjects will be addressed once during the school day, and the order in which they will be addressed is subject to the following conditions:

Music must be the third subject covered. Social studies must be covered before math. Spelling must be covered before both social studies and science.

I. Which of the following could be the order in which the subjects are covered?

- 1) Spelling, science, social studies, math, music, art
- 2) Math, social studies, music, science, art, spelling
- 3) Music, science, spelling, social studies, math, art
- 4) Music, art, spelling, science, math, social studies
- 5) Spelling, art, music, social studies, science, math

II. If Ms. Jackson covers art first, what subject must she cover second?

- 1) Spelling
- 2) Music
- 3) Social studies
- 4) Science
- 5) Math

III. Which of the following statements has to be true?

- 1) Music is covered before art.
- 2) Math is covered before science.
- 3) Spelling is covered before math.
- 4) Social studies is covered before science.
- 5) Music is covered before spelling.

IV. Which of the following statements could be true?

- 1) Music is covered first.
- 2) Science is covered last.
- 3) Math is covered second.
- 4) Spelling is covered third.
- 5) Social studies is covered last.

V. Which of the following subjects could not be covered immediately after music?

- 1) Math
- 2) Spelling
- 3) Science
- 4) Art
- 5) Social studies

VI. Based on the following statements, which is the correct conclusion drawn?

Only gentlemen can become members of the club. Many of the members of the club are officers. Some of the officers have been invited for dinner.

- 1) All the members of the club have been invited for dinner.
- 2) Some of the officers are not gentlemen.
- 3) All gentlemen are members of the club.
- 4) Only gentlemen have been invited for dinner.

VII. Based on the following statements, which is the correct conclusion drawn?

In a family there are husband wife, two sons and two daughters. All the ladies were invited to a dinner. Both sons went out to play. Husband did not return from office. Who was at home?

- 1) Only wife was at home.
- 2) All ladies were at home.
- 3) Only sons were at home.
- 4) Nobody was at home.