

CHAPTER 5

# Doing Sociology: Research Methods

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CBSE · Sociology CI-11 · Class 11

## WHAT THIS CHAPTER DOES

Boards prep that builds confidence, not anxiety.

**TODAY'S MISSION**

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# Today's Mission

**WHY THIS MATTERS**

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# Why Method Matters

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# What You Already Know (Pre-flight)

TOPIC

**A**

# Part A — Why Methods? Objectivity, Reflexivity, Values

TOPIC

# The Three Anchors of Scientific Sociology

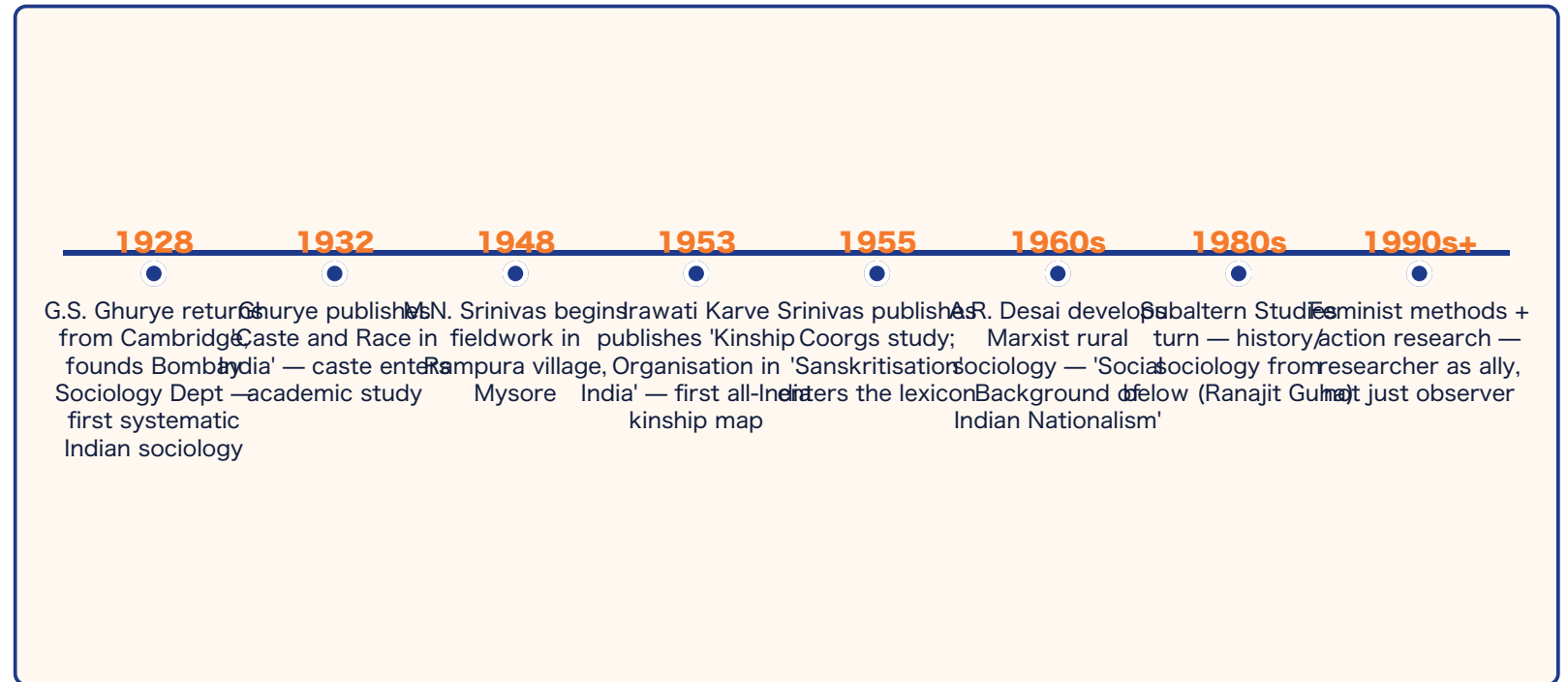
POINT 1

POINT 2

POINT 3

WORKED EXAMPLE

# Indian Fieldwork — The Founding Timeline



**TRY IT · SOLVE BEFORE YOU PEEK**

# Quick Test — 60 seconds

Work it out before you flip the answer.

**SOLUTION**

**ANSWER** M.N. Srinivas

TOPIC

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# Quantitative vs Qualitative — Side by Side

TOPIC

# Where Bias Sneaks In

POINT 1

POINT 2

POINT 3

TOPIC

**B**

# Part B — Field Methods: Participant Observation

**WORKED EXAMPLE**

# Malinowski in the Trobriand Islands (1915-1918)

- 1** STAYED LONG — 4 years; not a 2-week visit. Long enough to see seasonal rhythms.
- 2** LEARNT THE LANGUAGE — collected data in Kiriwina, not via interpreter.
- 3** DAILY FIELD NOTES — recorded mundane and ceremonial events the same evening.
- 4** TRIANGULATED INFORMANTS — cross-checked one elder's story against another's.
- 5** REFLEXIVE DIARY — separately recorded his own emotions, frustrations, biases (published posthumously, controversially).

**TOPPER TEMPLATE · MARK-BY-MARK**

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# Topper's 5-Mark Answer — Participant Observation

TOPIC

# Strengths & Limits of Participant Observation

POINT 1

POINT 2

POINT 3

POINT 4

**TRY IT · SOLVE BEFORE YOU PEEK**

# Spot the Method — 90 seconds

Work it out before you flip the answer.

**SOLUTION**

**ANSWER** Participant observation — Srinivas/Karve

TOPIC

**C**

# Part C — Surveys, Interviews, and Sampling

TOPIC

# The Survey Method

POINT 1

POINT 2

POINT 3

TOPIC

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# Sampling Techniques — Choose Wisely

TOPIC

# Interviews — The Three Modes

POINT 1

POINT 2

POINT 3

TOPIC

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# The Three Ethical Pillars (Memorise)

**MARKS DISTRIBUTION**

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# Sub-topic Weight in Board Papers (2018-2025 trend)

**PYQ PATTERNS**

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# Top 5 PYQ Patterns

**PYQ PATTERNS**

# Top PYQ patterns to drill

<b>#1</b>	Define participant observation + give one example (6 marks)	<b>32%</b>
<b>#2</b>	Quantitative vs Qualitative	<b>distinguish (4 marks) – 24%</b>
<b>#3</b>	Survey method	<b>features OR sampling types (6 marks) – 18%</b>
<b>#4</b>	Objectivity / value-neutrality (Weber) (4 marks)	<b>14%</b>
<b>#5</b>	Ethics in social research (4 marks)	<b>12%</b>

**RECAP · MEMORISE THESE**

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# Chapter in One Breath

WHAT'S NEXT

# What's Next — Chapter 6



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