SCHOOL OF DISTANCE EDUCATION
M.A. SOCIOLOGY (FINAL)
Assignment Questions

PAPER - I : RURAL SOCIOLOGY

Answer all questions. 5 x 3 = 15 Marks
1. Examine the origin Nature and Scope of Rural Sociology.
2. “Jajmani System is loosing its importance in Rural Sociology” - Discuss.
3. Examine the role of land reforms in Economic Development of Small and Marginal Scale Farmers.
4. Evaluate the impact of Industrialisation on Rural Migration.
5. Narrate the affects of globalisation on Indian Rural Society.

PAPER - II : URBAN SOCIOLOGY AND DEVELOPMENT

Answer all questions. 5 x 3 = 15 Marks
1. Explain the need for study of Urban Sociology in India.
2. Explain with examples the various components of urbanisation.
3. Illustrate the elemographic characteristics of cities in India.
4. Explain the relationship between urban housing programme and development of slums in Indian cities.
5. Critically evaluate urban development programmes in India.

PAPER - III : SOCIETY AND EDUCATION

Answer all questions. 5 x 3 = 15 Marks
1. What are the social functions of education.
2. How does the family socialisation influence educability of the child.
3. What is sociology of teaching? and discuss teaching as a profession.
5. Explain the concept of life-long education and discuss its objectives and strategies.

PAPER - IV : GENDER STUDIES

Answer all questions. 5 x 3 = 15 Marks
1. What are Feminist Theories.
2. What is the role of women and freedom movement.
3. What are the problems that women face in the unorganised sector in India?
4. How does education help Indian women in this development?
5. Explain the importance of oral history and historical studies in gender studies.

**PAPER - V(a) : CRIMINOLOGY (Optional)**

*Answer all questions.*

1. Discuss the contribution of classical school of criminology in explaining crime.
2. What is meant by professional crime? Examine its main characteristics.
3. Explain the retributive theory of punishment highlighting its justification and limitations.
4. Defuse the concepts probation and parole and explain the differences between them.
5. Discuss the effectiveness of agencies of correctional service in the reformation and rehabilitation of criminals.

**PAPER - V(b) : SOCIAL DEMOGRAPHY (Optional)**

*Answer all questions.*

1. There is a close relation between sociology and demography - Discuss.
2. Discuss the origin and nature of social demography.
3. Critically evaluate Malthusian population theory.
4. Narrate the causes for infant mortality in India.
5. "Whether the population explosion in India is a boon or a curse" - Discuss.
PAPER - I : SOCIAL STRUCTURE AND CHANGE

Answer all questions. 5 x 4 = 20 Marks

1. Define sociology and discuss its scope and nature.
2. Define group and distinguish between primary and secondary groups.
3. Discuss the Associative and Dissociative processes.
4. Examine the nature and forms of social stratification.
5. Evaluate the factors influencing social change.

PAPER - II : SOCIAL RESEARCH AND STATISTICS

Answer all questions. 5 x 4 = 20 Marks

1. Define science and describe the characteristics of the scientific method.
2. Describe the various methods of sampling.
3. Evaluate the uses of interview schedule and questionnaire in social research.
4. Analyse the importance of statistical methods in social science research.
5. Calculate the mean, median and mode for the following data.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Class Interval</th>
<th>Frequency</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>0-10</td>
<td>5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10-20</td>
<td>10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>20-30</td>
<td>25</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>30-40</td>
<td>30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>40-50</td>
<td>20</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>50-60</td>
<td>10</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

PAPER - III : SOCIOLOGICAL THEORIES

Answer all questions. 5 x 4 = 20 Marks

1. Explain the nature of sociological theory.
2. Examine Durkhein’s Theory of Suicide.
4. Discuss Parson’s Theory on social system.
5. Analyse the salient features of social exchange theory.
PAPER - IV : INDIAN SOCIETY

Answer all questions. 5 x 4 = 20 Marks

1. Describe the nature of Hindu Social Organisation.
2. Discuss the changes taking place in caste system in Indian Society.
3. Explain the significance of Jajmani System the Indian Rural Society.
4. Describe the causes and consequences of regionalism.
5. Discuss the different developmental programmes in Indian Society.

PAPER - V : SOCIETY, ECOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENT

Answer all questions. 5 x 4 = 20 Marks

1. Examine the importance of ecological studies in contemporary societies.
2. Explain the impact of geographical distribution of population on the environment.
3. Bring out the causes and consequences of ozone layer depletion.
4. Analyse the importance of environmental education in India.
5. Describe the problems related to environment in South India.
Prof. L.D. Sudhakara Babu  
DIRECTOR  

Ref: SDE /MA Sociology/PCP-WE/2013-14  

Dt.24.01.2014  

Dear Learner,  

Greetings from School of Distance Education, Andhra University.  

We are happy to inform you that we have scheduled the MA Sociology Week-End Classes and Personal Contract Programme at Andhra University Campus, Visakhapatnam and at the following centres as per the schedule given below for the academic year 2013-14 in which lectures will be delivered by well experienced teachers. Your participation in the programmes can supplement effectively your study requirements. You are advised to go through the schedule and attend classes as per your choice. If you intend to attend the programme you are advised to report with your Identity Card at the Centre at 9.00 a.m. Time-table and other instructions about the classes will be given at the time of Registration.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>1. School of Distance Education, A.U. Campus, Visakhapatnam.</th>
<th>2. M.R. College for Men, Vizianagaram</th>
<th>3. Government Arts College, Rajahmundry</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>February 2014 : 9, 16, 23, 27</td>
<td>March 2014 : 2, 8, 9, 16, 23, 30</td>
<td>March 2014 : 1, 2, 8, 9, 16</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>March 2014 : 6, 12, 13, 26, 27</td>
<td>April 2014 : 3, 4, 10, 11, 18</td>
<td>April 2014 : 5, 6, 12, 13, 26</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>May 2014 : (20 days)</td>
<td></td>
<td>(20 days)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Tuition Fee Payment (2012-13 batch – Final Year Students) : ₹ 2,375/-  
(inclusive of ₹ 200/- penal fee)

Examinations:  
Announcement of Examination Schedule : April / May, 2014  
Examinations (Tentatively) : June / July, 2014  

With best wishes,  

Yours sincerely,  

(L.D. SUDHAKARA BABU)