M. A. [SOCIOLOGY]

I – SEMESTER [Core Courses (Compulsory)]

1.1 SOCIETY: STRUCTURE AND CHANGE

Unit – I:
Sociology as a science and its uses. Concept of society and Social System. Elements of Social Structure: Role, Status, Norms, Values, Power, Authority, Groups, Associations.

Unit – II:

Unit – III:
Economic Institutions: Property, Davidson of Labour, Types of Exchange, Markets; Political Institutions, State, Nation, Government; Religious Institutions: Structure, Functions, Beliefs and Practices; Educational Institutions.

Unit – IV:
Social Differentiation and Social Stratification. Caste, Class, Estate, Social Mobility and Inequality. Social disorganization and Social Control: Deviance, Anomie, Alienation.

Unit – V:

Readings:
Robert Biersteadt : Social Order
Harry M. Johnson : Sociology: A Systematic Introduction
Bottmore : Sociology: A Guide to Literature
Alex Inkeless : What is Sociology
Moore, W. E. : Social Change
Haralambos : Sociology: Themes and Perspectives
Frascis E. Morril : Society and Culture
Lazarsfeld et. al. : Uses of Sociology
Francis Abraham : Modern Society
1.2 CLASSICAL SOCIOLOGICAL THEORIES

Unit – I:

Unit – II:
Emile Durkheim: Theory of Religion – Theory of Suicide – Theory on Division of Labour

Unit – III:
Max Weber: Protestant Ethic and Spirit of Capitalism – Social Action Theory – theory on Bureaucracy – Forms of Power and Authority

Unit – IV:
Karl Marx: Theory on Capital, Historical Materialism – Class Conflict – Dialectical Materialism and Social change – Theory on Alienation.

Unit – V:

Readings:

Reymond Aron : Main Currents in Sociological Thought, Vol. 1 & 2
Coser L. A. : Masters of Social Thought
Bogardus : Development of Social Thought
Barners : An Introduction to the History of Sociology
Timesheff : Sociological Theory: Its Nature and Growth
1.3 RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

Unit – I:

Unit – II:
Meaning of Research Design and its types – Survey Research and its various steps – Types of Surveys – Errors in Survey Research – Methods to control them

Unit – III:
Selection of Universe and Sample – Types of Sampling designs – Nature of Sampling Errors

Unit – IV:
Selection and Preparation of Instrument for Data Generation – Interview Schedule – Mailed Questionnaire and Observation and Case Study

Unit – V:
Planning and Organization of Field Work – Problems and Prospects of Field Work – Nature of Qualitative Research and Applied Social Research

Readings:

Reymond Aron : Main currents in Sociological Thought, Vol. 1 & 2
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1.4 SOCIETY IN INDIA

Unit – I:

Unit – II:

Unit – III:

Unit – IV:
Major Change Processes in Indian Society – Islamisation, Sanskritization, Westernization, Modernization, Secularization

Unit – V:
Social Movements – Social Movements and Social change in India, Social Reform Movements, Self-respect Movement, Dalit Movement and National Movement.

Readings:

P. N. Prabhu : Hindu Social Organisation
David C. Mandelbaum: Society in India
M. N. Srinivas : Social Structure
M. N. Srinivas : Caste in Modern India
Singer & Cohen : Structure and Change in Indian Society
Yogendra Singh : Modernisation of Indian Tradition
Bose N. K. : Problems of National Integration
Andre Beiteile : Caste, Class & Power
Leela Dube : Kinship System in India
M. S. A. Rao : Social Movements in India (Vol. I & II)
1.5 SOCIAL STRATIFICATION AND INEQUALITY

Unit – I:
Social Stratification – Conceptual and Theoretical Perspectives, Approaches of Marx, Davis and Moore, Tumin and Dahrendorf to the study of class, Status and Power in Industrial Societies, Social Stratification in Developing Societies.

Unit – II:
Social Inequalities and their bases: Class, Caste, Race, Culture and Gender in Comparative and Cross-cultural Perspectives, Consciousness of Inequality and its Consequences

Unit – III:
Concept of Social Mobility – Caste, Class and Mobility, Socialism, Economic and Cultural Disabilities and Concept of Weaker Sections with reference to India: Historical and Sociological Perspectives

Unit – IV:
Concepts, Nature and Types of Poverty and Deprivation; Structural and Cultural Constraints in its Eradication, National Policy and Programmes and their input

Unit – V:
Women, Scheduled Castes, Backward Castes and Scheduled Tribes: Their General and Specific Problems – Government Policies and Programmes for their Development. Disabilities of Women in India, Programmes for their Welfare and Development.

Readings:

Tumin : Social Stratification
Bergel : Social Stratification
Dabrendorf : Class and Class Conflict in Industrial Societies
Beteille : Social Inequality
Srinivas : Social Change in Modern India
Singer and Cohn : Structure and Change in Indian Society
Neera Desai & Mithereyi, K: Women Society in India
Usha Rao : Deprived Castes in India
S. Mukherji : Poverty and Mobility in India