M. A. [SOCIOLOGY]

II – SEMESTER [Core Courses (Compulsory)]

2.1 RURAL SOCIOLOGY AND DEVELOPMENT

Unit – I:
Agrarian and Peasant Social Structure – Basic Characteristics of Peasant and Agrarian Society, Family, Caste, Religion, habitat and Settlement

Unit – II:
Modes of Production and Agrarian Relation – Tenancy Lands and Labour: Agrarian Legislation and Rural Social Structure, Rural Poverty, Emigration, Landless Labour

Unit – III:
Planned Change for Rural Society – Panchayati Raj, Local Self Government and Community Development Programmes and Rural Development Strategies

Unit – IV:

Unit – V:
Globalisation and its impact on Agriculture; Water and Agriculture – Irrigation, Management Practices. Green revolution and its impact on sustainable development

Essential Readings:
1) Berch, Berberogue, Ed. 1992; Class, State and Development in India 1, 2, 3 and 4 chapters, Saga, New Delhi
5) Thorner, Daniel and Thorner Alice, 1962. Land and Labour in India, Asia Publications, Bombay
8) Ashish Nandy, 1999. Ambiguous Journey to the City, New Delhi, OUP
2.2 URBAN SOCIOLOGY AND DEVELOPMENT

Unit – I:
Community and Definition, Physical and Social Bases, Differences between Urban and Rural Communities, Folk – Urban Continuum, Urbanism as a Way of Life, Types and Characteristics of Cities, Urbanization and Over-urbanization.

Unit – II:
Urbanization: Urbanization in Developed and Developing Countries, Urbanization in India, Sociological, Historical and Demographic Perspectives, Migration and Urbanization in India, Components of Urbanization

Unit – III:
Sociological, Functional and Demographic Characteristics of India Cities, Urban Social Organization, Kinship and Family, Caste and Class, Formal Groups and Social Mobility

Unit – IV:
Problems of City: Poverty, Unemployment and Nutrition, Slums, Housing and Civic Services, Pollution and Crime

Unit – V:
Urban Administration, Planning and Development, national Policy on Urbanization, Goals and Resource Allocation, Planned City Growth, Urban Community Development

Readings:
1) Bose Ashish: Studies in India’s Urbanization 1901 – 1971
2) Breare, Gerald (ed.): Urbanization Newly Developing Countries
3) Clinard, Marshall, B: The Slums and Community Development
4) Desai A. R and Devadas: Slums and Urbanization
5) Ranga Rao, K and M.S.A. Rao: Cities and Slums
6) M.S.A. Rao: Urban Sociology in India
7) Viswanadham: Urban Demography and Ecology
9) Rule W and Prasad (ed): The Conspectus of India Society
10) Morries, R. N.: Urban Sociology (Chapter 1, 2 only)
11) DeSouza Alfred (ed): The Indian City
2.3 MODERN SOCIOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVES

Unit – I:
Talcott Parsons: The Theory of Social Action and Social System – Pattern Variables – Merton: Social Structure and Anomic, Manifest and Latent Functions

Unit – II:
Structuralism as a school of thought – Contributions of Radcliffe Brown and Levistrauss – Functionalism and its different shades – A critique and reformulation of functional analysis

Unit – III:
Conflict School and its Different Shades – Functional Analysis of Conflict by Simmel and Coser – Dialectical approach of Marx and Dehrendorf

Unit – IV:
Symbolic Interactionism of Cooley, Mead and Blumer Social Exchange Theory of Homans and Blau

Unit – V:
Phenomenology as a Branch of Knowledge in Sociology and the contributions made by Husserl and Schurz; Ethnomethodology of Garfinkel. Critical Theory: Contributions of Adorno and Harbermas, Dramaturgy, Feminist Theory and Post Modern theories: Contributions of Foucault and Derrida

Readings:

1) Turner, J : The Structure of Sociological Theory
2) Collins, R : Sociological Theory
3) Abraham M. Francis: Modern Sociological Theory
4) Merton : Social Theory and Social Structure
5) Craib, Ian : Modern Social Theory, from Parsons to Habermas
2.4 SOCIAL STATISTICS

Unit – I:
Role and Importance of Statistical Methods in Social research – Uses and Abuses in the Application of Statistical Techniques – Limitations

Unit – II:
Analysis of the Data – Variables and Attributes and their classification – Tabulation of the Data – Types of Tables – Features of a Scientific Table

Unit – III:
Measures of Central Tendency, Measures of Deviation, Coefficient of Variation

Unit – IV:
Simple Correlation – Karl Pearsons Coefficient of Correlation – Spearman’s Rank Correlation; Association of Attributes: Yules Coefficient of Association, Chi-square Test of Significance

Unit – V:

Readings:

1) Elhance, D. N. : Fundamentals in Statistics
2) Haggood and Price : Statistics for Sociologists
3) David Dooley : Social Research Methods
4) Bajaj and Gupta : Elements in Statistics – 1972
2.5 SOCIOLOGY AND DEVELOPMENT

Unit – I:
Concepts of Development and Underdevelopment; Underdevelopment in Historical Perspective; Imperialism, capitalism, Neocolonialism and Underdevelopment

Unit – II:
Society, Economy and Polity in India during the British Rule; Socio-economic Problems of South Asia and India since 1950s; Social Policy and Planning in India; Land Reforms, Green Revolution, Agricultural Development

Unit – III:
Models of Development; Western Capitalism, Socialist Model, Chinese Model, Japanese Model, Mixed – Economy, Impact of Liberalization, Privatization and Globalization on Development Models

Unit – IV:
Migration and development; Industrial Development; Urban Development; Education, Science, Technology and development; Population and Development; Development of Social Sector, Gender and development; Youth and Development

Unit – V:
Measurement of Development and its Dimensions; Indices of Development: Levels of Poverty; Literacy, Fertility and Mortality, Quality of Life; Women Empowerment, Democracy, Freedom and Human Rights

Readings:
1) Henry Bernstein (ed): Underdevelopment and Development
2) Peter Worsley (ed): Problems of Modern Society
3) Jolly, Kadt, Singer & Wilson (ed): Third World Employment
4) Baran, P: Political Economy of Growth
5) Peter Worsley: The Third World
7) J. Bhagawati: The Economics of Underdevelopment Countries
8) Safa Du Toit: Migration and Development
9) A.G. Frank: Capitalism and Underdevelopment in Latin America
10) T. Shanin: Peasants and Peasant Societies
11) Hoelitz and Moore: Industrialization and Society
12) J. W. Mellor: Developing in Rural India
13) Anderson & Bowman (ed): Education and Economic Development
15) UNDP: Human Development Reports since 1990