

# 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:

Individual and Society – Personality, Culture and Society. Socialization: Social Processes: Associative and Dissociative. Social Institutions: Marriage, Family and Kinship.

#### Unit – III:

Economic Institutions: Property, Division 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:

Social Evolution, Social Progress and Social Change: Factors affecting social change; Major processes of Social Change: Industrialisation, Urbanisation, Modernisation and Secularisation.

#### **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
Francis E. Morrill	:	Society and Culture
Lazarsfeld et. al.	:	Uses of Sociology
Francis Abraham	:	Modern Society

## 1.2 CLASSICAL SOCIOLOGICAL THEORIES

### Unit – I:

Nature of Sociological Theory – Different Sociological Perspectives and Conceptions about Society. Auguste Comte and his Laws of 3 stages – Classification of Sciences – Herbert Spencer's Evolutionary and Organismic Theory.

### 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:

Pareto: Logico – Experimental Method – Residues and Derivations – Circulation of Elites and Theory of Social Change.

### **Readings:**

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

### 1.3 RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

#### Unit – I:

Nature of Science, Scientific Method and Social Phenomena – Application of Scientific Method to Social Phenomena and the Problems in its Application – Concepts, Theory, Hypothesis and Facts – Their Nature and Interrelationship

#### 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 ion Sociological Thought, Vol. 1 & 2
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## 1.4 SOCIETY IN INDIA

### Unit – I:

Hindu Social Organization – Its Normative and Scriptural Bases – Historical Perspective on Indian Society – Composition of Indian Society – Racial, Ethnic, Religious – Linguistic and Cultural Groups – Unity in Diversity

### Unit – II:

Contemporary Indian Society – Structural Features, Functions and Changes Aspects of Varna and Caste – Kinship, Marriage and Family, Religion – Caste, Class, Power, Little and Great Traditions.

### Unit – III:

Social Organisation and Problems of Minorities with reference to Christians, Muslims, Sikhs – Problems of Indian Society – nationalism, Regionalism, Casteism, Communalism and Linguistic Problems.

### 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
Dahrendorf	:	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