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1. Sociological Analysis

Unit I

- Definition of Sociology - Nature and Scope, the emergence of Sociology
- Sociology and its relationship with other Social Sciences
- Characteristics and Functions of Human Society
- Individual and society

Unit II

- Social Groups - The concept of Social Groups
- Types of Social Groups - Primary and Secondary groups, Community
- Social Structure - The concepts of ‘Status’ and ‘Role’
- Culture - The concept - Characteristics of Culture - Components of Culture

Unit III

- Socialization - The Agencies of Socialization
- Theories of Socialization
- Social Control

Unit IV

- Social Stratification: Characteristics of Social Stratification
- Theories and Forms of Stratification

Unit V

- Social Processes: Associative Process (Cooperation, Accommodation, Assimilation)
- Dissociative Process (Conflict, Competition)

Recommended Books:

Koenig, Samuel : Sociology – An Introduction
Mac Iver and Page : Society
Bierstadt, Robert : Social Order
Davis, Kingsley : Human Society
Johnson, H.M : Sociology, A systematic Introduction
Ian Robertson : Sociology
Haralombos : Sociology, Themes and perspectives
2. Perspectives on Indian Society

Unit I

- Theoretical Perspectives:
  - Dialectical
  - Structural and Functional
  - Cognitive Historical Approach

- Foundation of Indian Society:
  - Hindu View of Life
  - Purushartha
  - Varna Dharma
  - Ashrma Dharma

Unit II

- Marriage in India:
  - Types of Marriage
  - Forms of Hindu Marriage
  - Hindu Marriage as a Sacrament
  - Changing Trends in Marriage and
  - Marriage among Muslims and Christians

- Family in India:
  - Types of Family
  - Structure and Functions of Joint Family
  - Family in Rural and Urban Setting
  - Changing Trends in Indian Family

Unit III

- Caste System:
  - Features and Function of Caste System
  - Theories of Origin of Caste System
  - Cultural and Structural View about Caste System

Unit IV

- Religion and Polity:
  - Religion and Ritual Systems
  - Leadership and Polity
  - Socio-Religious Movements

Unit V

- Tradition and Modernity:
  - Composition of Indian Society
  - Unity and Diversity
  - Great Tradition and Orthogenetic Changes

Recommend Books:

- Prabu Padarinhath: Hindu Social organisation
- M.N. Sreenivas: Social Change in Modern India
- J.H. Huttan: Caste in India
- Mandle Baum, David: Society in India
3. Urban Sociology and Urban Development

Unit I

- Nature and Scope of Urban Sociology – Urban Community Characteristics
- Urban Centres: Pre-Industrial, Industrial and Post Industrial

Unit II

- Demography and Ecology: Demographic and Morphological Features of Urban Centres in India.
- Urban Ecological Process: Meckenjee’s Theory of Human Ecology
- Urban Ecological Theories.

Unit III

- Family, Kinship and ethnicity in Urban India

Unit IV

- Urbanisation: The Concept of Urbanisation
- Causes and Components of Urbanization
- Trends and Levels of Urbanization India.
- Impact and Problems of Urbanization

Unit V

- Urban Development and Urban Problems: Housing, Pollution, Crime
- Slums and Slums Improvement
- Urban Community Development
- Urban Planning

Recommended Books:

1) M.S.A. Rao : Urban Sociology in India
2) William G. Flanagan : Urban Sociology
3) R. Ramachandran : Urbanisation and Urban system in India
4. Rural sociology & Rural Development

Unit I

- Introduction: Definition, Nature and Scope of Rural Sociology
- Rural and Urban differences; rural and Urban Continuum

Unit II

Ecology and Demography:
- Rural Ecology: Village and settlement pattern, types and forms
- Demographic Characteristics of rural areas in India.
- Indian Villages – Tradition and Change

Unit III

Rural social structure:
- Dominant caste
- Jajmani System
- Role of religion in rural life
- Rural leadership and polity

Unit IV

Rural Economy:
- Land Ownership pattern
- Land reforms and its impact with special reference to Andhra Pradesh
- Green Revolution and its impact
- Changing Agrarian Relations & Peasant Movement

Unit V

Rural Development:
- Rural Problems: Poverty, Indebtedness, Rural Housing, Rural House.
- Panchayat Raj
- Rural Development Programmes in India

Recommended Books:

A.R. Desai : Rural Sociology
N. Long : Introduction to the Sociology of Rural Development
Chitambar : Rural Sociology
5. Sociology of Disaster

Unit I

Introducing Disaster:  - The disaster construct
   - Mainstream topics of Hazards and Disaster Research
   - Conceptual understanding of societal response to disaster

Unit II

Social science research agenda for the Disasters:
   - Theoretical
   - Methodological and
   - Empirical issues

Unit III

Disaster Vulnerability and social Marginality:
   - Race
   - Class
   - Caste
   - Ethnicity
   - Gender

Unit IV

Sociological studies and Disaster:
   - Case studies from India and Beyond

Unit V

Disaster prevention and Mitigation:
   - Sustainable reduction on disaster

Recommended Books:

Race, class and environmental justice : Cutter
Vulnerability to environmental hazards : Cutter
Human system responses to disaster : Drabek
6. Sociology of tribal society in India

Unit I

- Basic Concepts: Primitive Tribe, Adivasi, Vanavasi, Girijan, Adimjati,
- Scheduled Tribe, De-notified Tribe, PTG, Indigenous People.

Unit II

- Distribution of Scheduled tribes in India: Racial, linguistic and geographical; Population and sex ratio.

Unit III

- Culture through ethnographies: The Toda, Khasi, Muria, Kond, Jarawa.

Unit IV

- Tribal Welfare Policies: Changing approaches to tribal development- Pre & Post-Independence: isolation, assimilation and integration; Constitutional safeguards, PESA, National Policy for Scheduled Tribes 2006.

Unit V

- Problems and conflicts: land alienation, indebtedness, forest regulation and policy, mines and people; displacement.

Recommended Books