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Syllabus for Distance Education Students (w.e.f. Year – 2013 – 14)

M.A. Part - I

SOCIOLOGY

Sociology Syllabus

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M.A. I Semester I

1. Classical Sociological Tradition (111001)

Marks: 100 (4 credits)

Objectives:

1. To equip the students with theoretical insights to know, analyse and interpret the social scenario around them.
2. To familiarize students with the different sociological perspectives and theories.

Unit	Course Content	Marks
Unit 1	I Introduction Social and Intellectual forces responsible for Development of sociology.	25
Unit 2	II Karl Marx Dialectical materialism, Historical materialism, Class, Class formation, Class Conflict, Concept of Surplus Value, Alienation, Role of the State	25
Unit 3	III Emile Durkheim 1.Division of Labour Intellectual background. His preoccupation with the order and disintegration of society.	

	<p>Social disintegration as a legacy of industrial revolution.</p> <p>Increasing division of labour in the capitalist society.</p> <p>Mechanical and organic solidarities. Explanation of increasing division of labour. Pathological forms of division of labour.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Types of suicide. 2. Views on Religion 3. The methodology of Sociology 	25
Unit 4	<p>IV Max Weber</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Concepts of status, class and power. 2. Theory of social action 3. Protestant ethic and emergence of capitalism. 4. Theory of Authority, Authority and power, Types of authority 5. Views on Bureaucracy. 6. Contribution to the methodology of social science 	25

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2. Sociology of Indian society (111002)

Marks 100 (4 credits)

Objectives:

1. To acquire students with adequate and comprehensive understanding of Indian Society.
2. To acquaint with the Development of Sociology in India.

Unit	Course Content	Marks
Unit 1	I Introduction: Unity in Diversity Culture and Civilization Varna and Caste Race & Ethnicity Religious & Language diversities in India Segments of Indian Society; Tribal, Rural, Urban.	25
Unit 2	II Approaches to the study of Indian Society: Indological: G.S. Ghurye, Louis Dumant Structural Functionalism: M.N.Shrinivas of S.C.Dube. Marxist: D.P. Mukharji, A.R.Desai.	25

Unit 3	III History and Development of Sociology in India: Proto-Sociologists-Sociologists-Non-Sociologists, Colonial period Post Independence.	25
Unit 4	IV Subaltern Perspectives: Ranjeet Guha, David Hardiman. Phule, Dr. Ambedkar	25

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3. Social Anthropology (111101)

Marks 100 (4 credits)

Objectives:

1. To introduce the students the history and contemporary changes in Anthropological theory and to understand the growth of Anthropology in India.

Unit	Course Content	Marks
Unit 1	<p>I Introduction</p> <p>Meaning and scope of Anthropology, Distinction between Social and Cultural Anthropology, Ethnography, Ethnology.</p> <p>Theories of Culture, Attributes of Culture, Cultural Traits, Culture complex, Culture Area, Integration of Culture, Paradoxes of Culture.</p>	25
Unit 2	<p>II Contemporary Anthropological Theories</p> <p><u>From Functionalism to Structuralism:</u> Levi Strauss and Edmund Leach</p> <p><u>Marx and Marxist Anthropology:</u></p> <p>Terray, Godelier, Meillassoux</p> <p><u>Cultural Anthropology to Postmodern Ethnography:</u></p> <p>Clifford Geertz and James Clifford.</p>	25

Unit 3	<p>III Art, Aesthetics, Culture and Language</p> <p>Forms of Music, Musical Instruments, Ritualistic and Symbolic Painting and Types of Artifacts.</p> <p>Origin and Evolution of Human Language, Phonology Morphology, Syntax, Semantics, Importance of language in Anthropological Research, and Applied Linguistics.</p>	25
Unit 4	<p>IV Social Economic and Political Organisation</p> <p>Family, Marriage, Kinship, Kingroup, Kinship terminology, Kinship behavior, Primitive communism, value in primitive economy, property, stages of economy, subsistence surplus in market economy, system of trade exchange.</p> <p>Law and Social control, Authority and Leadership.</p> <p>Types of political organization band, Tribe and State, kingship and chiefdom, Primitive law and justice, Type of punishment. Religion, Primitive religion, Animism, Bongaism, Totemism, Types and functions of magic, Magic religious functionalists like shaman, priest, medicine man, sorcerer, witch-symbolism in religion and rituals.</p>	25

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- Radcliffe Brown, A.R. Structure and Function in Primitive Society
- Roger Keesing Cultural Anthropology
- Rogers, E.M. Diffusion of Innovation

4. Environment & Society (111102)

Marks 100 (4 credits)

Objectives:

1. To make students aware of current environmental issues, local, national & global.
2. To encourage critical & analytical thinking of these issues through the in depth study of specific cases.
3. To develop independent research skills in the students & help them to develop an analytical understanding of current issues & problems through the application of theory.
4. To work towards developing the sub- field of sociology of environment with an Indian perspective, utilizing theory to elucidate current issues & debates.

Unit	Course Content	Marks
Unit 1	I Approaches to the study of Environment Marxian Gandhian Ecofeminist Environmental History	25
Unit 2	II Environmental & Social Outcomes: Pre-Colonial, Colonial & Post- Colonial India	25

	<u>Pre-Colonial India:</u> Ecology, Settlement Patterns & Social Organisation. <u>Colonial India:</u> Development of State policies & their consequences <u>Post- Colonial India:</u> Nehruvian Development State Policies	
Unit 3	III Social & Environmental Issues in India Impact of Big Infrastructure & Natural resources Development projects, Issues of Displacement, Rehabilitation, & Resistance movements (Chipko, Narmada, Tehri, Baliapal, Chilika Lake, Enron) <u>Issues of Urban Environment:</u> pertaining to population, water, sanitation, pollution & health outcomes especially for women. (Eg. Bhopal Gas Tragedy & its consequences)	25
Unit 4	IV Global Environmental Issues & Initiatives of the State & International Agencies Debate on Sustainable Development; Intellectual Property Rights & Patenting of Traditional Knowledge; Biodiversity; Climate change. Initiatives of International Agencies- Stockholm to Rio Conference Global Environmental Movements- North & South	25

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5. Political Sociology (111105)

Marks 100 (4 credits)

Objectives:

1. To acquaint the students with the nature and functioning of political system, and the political processes.
2. To generate in the minds of students an awareness of their status and role as citizens of the state.
3. To make the students aware of the prerequisites of sound democratic political system and its vulnerability.

Unit	Course Content	Marks
Unit 1	I Introduction Definition and subject matter of Political Sociology Interrelationship between political system and society. Democratic and totalitarian systems – socio-economic conditions conducive for their emergence and stability.	25
Unit 2	II Political culture Meaning and significance.	25

	<p>Political socialization – meaning, significance and agencies.</p> <p>Intellectuals – Political role of intellectuals – significance.</p> <p><u>Pressure groups and interests groups:</u></p> <p>Nature, bases, political significance.</p>	
Unit 3	<p>III Political Bureaucracy in India</p> <p>Bureaucracy: its Characteristics, Types, Significance in Political development.</p> <p>Political Parties : Characteristics, Social composition of parties, Recruitment, Mass participation, Political apathy, its causes and consequences.</p>	25
Unit 4	<p>IV Political Process in India</p> <p>Role of caste, Religion, Regionalism and language in Indian Politics.</p> <p>Public opinion: Role of mass media, problems of communication in illiterate societies; its reference on parties and polity.</p> <p>Politicization of social life.</p>	25

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Semester II

1. Sociology of Modernization and Development (211003)

Marks:100 (4 credits)

Objectives:

1. To understand the concepts & theories of modernization & change.
2. To understand the process of modernization in India.
3. To know the various concepts of development.

Unit	Course Content	Marks
Unit 1	. I Introduction: Meaning & concept of Social Modernization Characteristics of Modernization. Attributes & Pre-conditions to Moernization.	25
Unit 2	II Theories of Modernization: Contributions of Daniel Learner – Passing of Traditional Society. Marion Levy – Modernization &	

	the structure of societies. Parsons & Smelson- Theory of Social Action & Pattern Variables. Huttington – The clash of Civilizations.	25
Unit 3	III Theories of Development & Underdevelopment: Dependency theory Centre – Periphery analysis Imperialism & Under-development of Third – World Countries. Theory of World Capitalist System Women & Development.	25
Unit 4	IV Alternative World Views: M.K.Gandhi E.F.Schumacher Sustainable Development.	25

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2. Theoretical Perspectives in Sociology (211004)

Marks: 100 (4 credits)

Objectives:

1. To introduce the students to the substantive, theoretical and methodological issues which have shaped the sociological thinking.
2. To examine the theoretical relevance and analytical utility of the premises, methodology and conclusions of these diverse theoretical perspectives in understanding social structure and change

Unit	Course Content	Marks
Unit 1	I Introduction Historical & Intellectual background of Sociological Theory Structuralism : C. Levi-Strauss. Structural-Functional approach: Malinowski, Radcliffe-Brown, T. Parsons, R.K. Merton. Critique of Structural- Functional approach — C.W. Mills, Dahrendorf & Gouldner.	25

Unit 2	II Conflict theory: R.Dahrendorf, L.Coser, R.Collins.	25
Unit 3	III Symbolic interactionis: G.H.Mead and H.Blumer	25
Unit 4	IV Ethnomethodology: H.Garfinkel. Phenomenological Sociology: A.Schutz , Husserl	25

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3. Social Demography(211107)

Marks 100 (4 credits)

Objectives :

1. To understand the basic concepts in demographic studies.
2. To introduce the students with various dimensions of Indian and world population.
3. To acquaint students with the demographic features & trends in India.
4. To understand Population Control in terms of Social needs.

Unit	Course Content	Marks
Unit 1	I Nature of Demographic Studies Meaning, Nature and Importance of Social Demography. Development of Demography. Sociology of Demography. Demography and Population Studies.	25
Unit 2	II Theories of Population growth Malthusian theory of population Biological theories of population	

	Theory of Optimum population Theory of Demographic Transition.	25
Unit 3	III Population Growth World Population growth and current trends. Population growth in Asian countries and current trends. Population growth in India: Past and Present. Factors responsible for population growth in India. <u>India's Population Structure: Age, Sex, Literacy,</u> Rural- Urban, Caste and Religion, Economic Status..	25
Unit 4	IV Demographic Trends and Population Policy in India Population dynamics: Fertility, Mortality and Migration Population policy: Meaning and Objectives. Population policy of the Government of India after Independence. Performance appraisal of Family Welfare Programmes.	25

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4. Globalization and Society (211108)

Marks 100 (4 credits)

Objectives:

1. To delineate the characteristics of and the issues relating to globalization.
2. To explain the various agencies involved in the process of globalization.
3. To examine its socio-economic and cultural impact.
4. To examine the Indian experience of globalization and reflects on its problems and prospects

Unit	Course Content	Marks
Unit 1	I The nature and dynamics of globalization The historical and social context of globalization World capitalism, modernization and globalization Distinctive characteristics of globalization The role of information and communication technology Benefits and disadvantages of globalization.	25
Unit 2	II Agencies of globalization Political economy of globalization- Agencies of	25

	Globalization: Multinational Corporations (MNCs), Nation-State, Media, Market, Non- Governmental Organizations (NGOs), International agencies- (International Monetary Fund, World Bank, etc.).	
Unit 3	III Globalization & Culture Cultural Homogenization, Hegemony and Dominance Globalization and the Resurgence of Ethnic Consciousness: Global Tourism, Diasporic Communities, Transnational Ethnic and Religious Movements, Religious Fundamentalism.	25
Unit 4	IV Social Consequences of Globalization & the Indian Experience Inequality within and among nation states Differential perception of globalization among nations and their populations — Socio-economic impact of globalization — Impact on individual and group identities. Globalization and public policy Debate on globalization -Impact of globalization: Trends and prospects.	25

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5. Sociology of Disasters & Disaster Management (211109)

Marks 100 (4 credits)

Objectives:

1. To familiarize students with the concepts, theories related to disaster management.
2. To understand the role of the state & civil society in disaster management

Unit	Course Content	Marks
Unit 1	I Concepts, Definitions, & Nature of Disasters.	25
Unit 2	II Causes, Types & Effects of Disasters: Famines, Floods, Earthquakes, Tsunami, Nuclear, Industrial disaster, Wars. Victims & Survivors of disasters.	25
Unit 3	III Welfare State & Disasters: Role of State in preventing, apprehending & managing disaster	25

Unit 4	IV Disasters & Civil Society: Role of Voluntary Organisations, Political Organisations, Citizens Associations & International bodies.	25
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