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Syllabus for B.A. HONOURS
(1+1+1 Pattern)
in
SOCIOLOGY
with effect from 2005-2006 onwards

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Paper - I

INTRODUCTORY SOCIOLOGY – I (100 Marks)

1. **Introduction Sociology:** What is Sociology? Scope of Sociology; L10
Developing a Sociological Outlook; Sociology and Common
Sense; Sociology and Science; Sociology and Other Social
Sciences.
2. **Basic Concepts in Sociology:** Society and Institutions; L10

- Community and Association; Concept of Aggregate, Categories; Groups and its forms; Social Structure and Social Processes; Status and Role.
3. **Culture, Society and the Individual:** Definition and Components of Culture; Evolutionist; Diffusionist and Functionalist Perspectives on Culture; Concept of Cultural Lag, Cultural Variability, Cultural Universality, Cultural Relativism and Ethnocentrism; Socialization: Meaning, Types and Agencies. L15
 4. **Social Interaction and Everyday Life:** The Study of Everyday Life; Modes of Communication; Face, Body and Space in Communication; Micro and Macro Sociology. L10
 5. **Social Stratification:** Concept of Social Inequality, Social Differentiation and Social Stratification; Characteristics and Forms of Social Stratification; Gender and Stratification; Social Mobility; Meaning, Forms and Factors. L15
 6. **Crime, Deviance and Social Control:** Meaning of Crime, Deviance and Social Order: Theories of Crime and Deviance; Prison and Punishment, Gender and Crime, Types of Crime; Social Control: Meaning, Forms and Agencies. L15
 7. **Gender and Sexuality:** Sex Vs. Gender, Gender Differences; Gender Socialization; Gender Identity and Sexuality: Theories of Freud and Chodorow, Social Influences on Sexual Behaviour. L10
 8. **Social Change, Movement and Mass Media:** Concept and Types of Social Change; Factors of Social Change; Revolution and Social Movements; Role of Mass-Media; Popular Culture; The Globalizing of Media; Theories of Media; Globalization and Ecological Crisis. L15

References:

1. Anthony Giddens – Sociology (3rd Edition)
2. Smelser – Sociology

3. Haralombos and Holborn – Sociology – Themes and Perspectives (5th Edition)
4. Ken Brown – An Introduction to Sociology
5. Bilton and Others – Introductory Sociology (Chapter 1, 6, 8, 14)
6. John Macionis – Sociology (Chapter 3, 5, 13)
7. Bottomore – Sociology : A Guide to Problems and Literature (Chapter 4, 6, 1?, 17)
8. Steve Bruce – Sociology: A Very Short Introduction (Chapter 1, 2)
9. Peter Berger – Invitation to Sociology (Chapter 2, 4)
10. Andre Beteille – Sociology: Essays on Approach and Method (Chapter I)
11. Lucy Mair – An Introduction to Social Anthropology (Chapter 2, 3)

Paper- II

INTRODUCTORY SOCIOLOGY II (100 MARKS)

(No. of Classes: 100)

1. **Family, Marriage and Kinship**: Definition and Forms, Prescribed and Preferential Marriages; Kinship Terminology; Uses of Kinship; Functions of Family; Changes in Family Patterns; L15
2. **Work and Economic Life**: Nature of Primitive Economics – Sexual and Social Division of Labour; Exchange of Gifts; Concept of Work; Paid and Unpaid Work; Technology and Work Process; Taylorism and Fordism; Economic System; Capitalism and Socialism; Women and Work. L15
3. **Education**: Development of Literacy and Schooling; Theories of Schooling; Education and Social Inequity; Education and Cultural Reproduction; Gender and the Education System. L10
4. **Religion and Ethnicity**: Definition, Origin and Functions of Religion; Religion and Society; Explanations; Religion and Magic; Varieties of Religion; Types of Religious Organizations; Secularization; Religious Fundamentalism; Concept of Ethnicity, Prejudice and Discrimination. L15

5. **Modern Organization**: Basic Concept; Organization and Modern Life; Non-Bureaucratic Organizations; Theories of Organization; The Influence of Large Corporations. L10
6. **Urbanization**: Basic Concepts; The Traditional City; Modern Urbanism; Theories of Urbanism; Third World Urbanization. L10
7. **The Body: Health, Medicine and Aging**: The Body; Society and Health; Health Care Systems and the Rise of Modern Medicine; Health and Environment; Sociological Analysis of Health and Medicine; Health and ageing L10
8. **Government, Political Power and War**: Politics in Small-Scale Societies; Politics in Modern Society: Power and Authority; State and Civil Society; Democracy; Power Elite; Political Parties; Women and Politics; War and Military; Arms Trade, War and Global Security. L15

References:

1. Anthony Giddens – Sociology (3rd Edition)
2. Smelser – Sociology
3. Haralombos and Holborn – Sociology: Themes and Perspectives (5th Edition)
4. Ken Brown – An Introduction to Sociology
5. Bilton and Others – (Chapter 11, 12, 13, 15)
6. John Macionis – Sociology (Chapter 12, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20)
7. Luch Mair – An Introduction to Social Anthropology (Chapter 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13, 14)
8. Majumdar and Madan – An Introduction to Social Anthropology (Chapter 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 12)
9. S. L. Doshi & P. C. Jain – Social Anthropology (Chapter 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16)

PART- II

Paper – III

CLASSICAL SOCIOLOGICAL THOUGHT I (100 MARKS)

(No. of Classes: 100)

1. **Emergence of Sociology:** The role of social intellectual forces in the origin of sociology; The Philosophy of Enlightenment; Social Philosophy of Montesquieu and Rousseau; The Post-Enlightenment reaction; Saint-Simon and vision of industrial society; Rise of Sociology as an academic discipline; Rise of Sociology and Social Anthropology in India; Influence of Colonialism; Social Reformism and Nationalism. L25
2. **August Comte:** Positivism; Hierarchy of Sciences; Methods of Sociology; Law of Three Stages; Social Statics and Social Dynamics; Industrial Society; Religion of Humanity. L15
3. **Karl Marx:** Approach to the study of society: Dialectical Method; Historical Materialism: Stages of Social Development; Base and Super-Structure; Class Theory; Ideology and Religion; Capitalism as a Social Formation; Alienation; State and Revolution. (20 Classes) L20
4. **Herbert Spencer:** Nature and Methods of Sociology; Society and Social Types; Evolution; Functionalism; Individualism Vs. Organism; Social Darwinism and the theory of Laissez Faire; Theory of State; Spencer, Comte, Tonnies and Evolutionism. L20
5. **Emile Durkheim:** Rules of Sociological Method and the Theory of Social Fact; Social Solidarity, Division of Labour and Law; Suicide; Religion; Functional Explanation. L20

References:

1. I. M. Zeitlin – Ideology and the Development of Sociological Theory (Chapters 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 15)
2. Lewis A. Coser – Masters of Sociological Thought.

3. Raymond Aron – Main Currents in Sociological Thoughts (Vol. 1 & 2)
4. George Ritzer: Classical Sociological thought (2nd Edition).
5. Tom Bottomore and Robert Nisbet (ed.) – A History of Sociological Analysis (Relevant Chapters).
6. G. Rocher – A General Introduction to Sociology (Chapter – 6)
7. M. F. Abraham and J. H. Morgan – Sociological Thought.
8. P. N. Mukherji and T. K. Oommen – Indian Sociology (Chapter – 2).
9. Yogendra Singh – Indian Sociology: Social Conditioning and Emerging Concern (Chapter – 1).
10. Ramkrishna Mukherjee – Sociology of Indian Sociology. (Chapter on 'Pioneers')

PAPER – IV

CLASSICAL SOCIOLOGICAL THOUGHT –II (100 MARKS)

(No. of Classes: 100)

1. **Vilfredo Pareto**: Logical and Non-logical Action; Residues and L15
Derivations: Circulation of Elites: Theory of Social Utility.
2. **Max Weber**: Methodology; concept and types of Social Action; L20
Protestant Ethics and Capitalism; Class; Status and Party; Structures
of Authority; Rationalization.
3. **Georg Simmel**: Formal Sociology; Association; Theory of Conflict; L20
Modern Culture: Simmel, Weber and Veblen.
4. **Benoy Kumar Sarkar**: Nature and Scope of Sociology; Personality; L15
Progress; Interpretation of Indian Tradition.
5. **D. P. Mukherji**: Nature and Scope of Sociology; Methodology; L15
Personality; Tradition and Social Change.
6. **G.S. Ghurye**: Caste and Race; Tribes of India; Dynamics of Culture L15
and Society; Civilizational Unity of Indian Society.

References:

1. L. Coser: Masters of Sociological Thought.
2. George Ritzer: Classical Sociological Theory (2nd Edition)
3. R. Aron: Main Currents in Sociological Thought. (Vo. I & II)
4. Y. Singh: Indian Sociology: Social Conditioning and Emerging Concern. (Chapter 1)
5. D. P. Mukherji: Diversities.
6. Amal Mukhopadhyay (ed.): Bengal Intellectual Tradition (Relevant Chapters).
7. Swapan Pramanik: Sociology of G.S. Ghurye.
8. S.K. Bhattacharya: Indian Sociology: Role of Benoy Kumar Sarkar.

Part – III

PAPER – V

MODERN SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY (100 MARKS)

(No. of Classes: 100)

1. Meaning, Nature and Scope of Sociological Theory. L5
2. Philosophical perspectives of Sociological Theories: Positivism, Hermeneutics and Critical Theory. L7
3. Functionalist Theory: Introduction; Anthropological Functionalism of Malinowski and Radcliffe-Brown; Talcott Parsons; Robert Merton. L20
4. Conflict Theory and Neo-Marxism: Introduction: Ralf Dahrendorf; Lewis Coser; Frankfurt School. L18
5. Symbolic Interactionism: Introduction; Charles Horton Cooley; George Herbert Mead. L10
6. Exchange Theory: Introduction; George Homans; Peter Blau. L10
7. Phenomenology and Ethnomethodology: Introduction; Alfred Schutz; Harold Garfinkel. L10
8. Feminist Theory: Introduction; Different Types of Feminism: Liberal, Radical and Socialist. L10
9. Post-modern Theory: Introduction; Michel Foucault. L10

References:

1. Ritzer, George, Modern Sociological Theory, McGraw-Hill (Relevant Chapters)
2. Turner, Jonathan, The Structure of Sociological Theory, Rawat. (Relevant Chapters)
3. Wallace and Wolf, Contemporary Sociological Theory, Prentice Hall, (Relevant Chapters)
4. Baert Patrick, Social Theory in the Twentieth Century, Polity Press.
5. Bottomore and Nisbet, A History of Sociological Analysis, Heinemann.
6. Bottomore Tom, The Frankfurt School, Tavistock.
7. Collins Randall, Four Sociological Traditions, Oxford.
8. Crotty Michael, The Foundation of Social Research, Sage (Chapters, 2, 4, 5, & 6)
9. Giddens Anthony, Positivism and its Critics, in Bottomore and Nisbet, idbid.
10. Smart Barry, Michael Foucault, Routledge.

Paper- VI

RESEARCH METHODS (100 MARKS)

(No. of Classes: 100)

1. **Social Science Research:** Definition, Nature and Scope; Major L15
Types of Social Science Research; Quantitative and Qualitative
Research; Steps in Social Research; Concepts, Variables and
Hypothesis in Social Research; Research Design; Theory and
Research.
2. **Finding a Topics:** Selecting a research topic, Becoming more L15
informed about the topic, Use of library, Sources of information;
Official documents and statistics; Use of other documents; Review of
literature.
3. **Choosing Whom or What to Study:** Populations and Samples; L15
Selecting the Samples: Probability and Non-probability Types; Size of
the Samples; The Merits of Sampling.

4. **Inquiry and Survey:** Casual and Scientific Inquiry; Survey Method: L10
Planning and Coverage; The Aim and Purpose of Surveys; Uses of
Survey in Social Research.
5. **The Technique of Questionnaire:** Guidelines of asking Questions; L10
Guidelines for Questionnaire construction; Advantages and
Disadvantages of the Questionnaire Method.
6. **The Tool of interview:** Objectives and Types; Guidelines for L10
Interviews; Advantages and Limitations of Interview.
7. **Collection of Qualitative Data:** Field Research; The Aim of Field L10
Research, Aids, Observation: Non-participant and Participant
Observations; Advantages and Disadvantages of Field Research.
8. **Use of Statistics in Sociology:** Use and Misuse of Statistics; L15
Statistical Tables: Grouping of Data; Graphical Presentation of Data;
Measures of Central Tendency; Standard Deviation.

References:

1. Goode & Hatt: Methods in Social Research.
2. Young, Pauline V. : Scientific School & Research (Chapters 1, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9,
11, 13)
3. Mueller & Schuessler: Statistical Reasoning in Sociology (Chapter 1,
3, 4, 5, 6).
4. Therese L. Baker: Doing Social Research (Chapters 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 15)
5. Michael Del Balso and Lewis: A Guide to Social Research (Chapters 2, 3, 4,
5, 7)
6. Moser and Kalton: Survey Methods in Social Investigation (Chapters 1, 2, 3,
11, 12, 13)

Paper – VII

SOCIETY, CULTURE AND SOCIAL CHANGE IN INDIA (100 MARKS)

(No. of Classes: 100)

1. **Society and Culture in Pre-British and British India:** Land L15
Ownership Pattern and Class Structure in Pre-British India; Concept of Self-Sufficient Village Economy; Impact of British Rule on Indian Society; Commercialization of Agriculture; Growth of Rural Poverty and Indebtedness; Rise of New Social Classes.
2. **India as a Plural Society:** Religious, Linguistic and Cultural Diversity; L10
Significance of Pluralism for Indian Culture: Unity in Diversity.
3. **Family and Marriage in India:** Forms of Family and Marriage; Types L15
and Features of Joint Family, Its Advantages and Disadvantages, Changes in Family and Marriage – Factors Responsible; Changing Nature of Family in India.
4. **Caste:** Nature and Features; Varna and Jati; Jajmani System: L20
Relations, Functions, Changes in Jajmani System; Jati Mobility: Factors, Sanskritization; Dominant Caste: Elements and Significance; Scheduled Castes and Other Backward Classes; Changing Nature of Caste.
5. **Tribes in India:** General Features of Tribal Society: Problems in L20
Defining a Tribe in India, Tribe – Caste Continuum: Major Social Units: Group of Tribes, Tribe, Sub Tribe, Moiety, Phratry, Family; Features and Types of Tribal Economy; Problems of Indian Tribes; Changes in Tribal Life – Factors, Nature.
6. **Rural Society in India:** What is Rural? Determinants of Rural Social L10
Formation and Rural Class Structure – Land Reform, Green Revolution; Rural Development and Panchayati Raj in India.
7. **Social Change in India:** Westernization and Modernization: L10
Concept; Impact of Westernization and Modernization; Cultural Modernization in India – Great Tradition and Little Tradition; Cultural Changes in the Age of Globalization.

References:

1. Bharatiya Jatiatabader Samajik Patabhumi (Social Background of Indian Nationalism)
2. M. N. Srinavas – Villages, Caste, Gender and Method (Chapter 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6)
3. David Mandelbaum – Society in India. (Chapter 2, 8, 9, 19, 20, 23, 24, 31, 32, 34)
4. Ram Ahuja – Indian Social System (Relevant Chapters)
5. Yogendera Singh – The Modernization of Indian Tradition (Chapter 1, 4, 5, 6, 7)
6. M. N. Srinivas – Social Change in Modern India (Relevant Chapters)
7. Y. Singh – Social Change in India (Chapter 5, 8)
8. P. Oberoi (ed)- Family, Kinship and Marriage in India (Relevant Chapters)
9. K. L. Sharma – Social Stratification and Mobility (Chapters 3, 4, 6, 7, 11)
10. K. L. Sharma – Social Stratification in India (Chapters 3, 4, 5, 7, 8)
11. C. J. Fuller (ed) – Caste Today (Chapters 1, 2)
12. Rajini Kothari (ed.) – Caste in Indian Politics (Chapters: 1, 5, 8)
13. R. Thapar – Tribe, Caste and Religion in India (Articles by Haimendorf, A. Beteille. And A.R. Desai)
14. S. C. Dube – Indian Society (Chapters 2, 4)
15. Y. Singh – Essays on Modernization in India (Chapters: 6, 7)
16. M. N. Srinivas – Caste – Its Twentieth Century Avatar (Chapters: 9, 10, 11, 12)
17. T.K. Oommen – Social Structure and Politics (Chapters: 5, 9, 10)
18. L. P. Vidhyarthi – Tribal Culture of India (Chapters: 3, 4, 12, 13)
19. S. r. Maheswari – Rural Development in India (Chapters: 2, 4)
20. Y. Singh – Culture Change in India (Chapters: 2, 3)
21. G. Shah – Dalit Identity and Politics in India (Chapters: 1, 9)
22. S. L. Doshi and P.C. Jain – Rural Sociology (Relevant Chapters).

Paper – VIII

SOCIAL ISSUES IN INDIA (100 Marks)

(No. of Classes: 100)

1. **Child Abuse and Child Labour:** Child Abuse: Types, Incidence, L10
Causes; Area of Child Labour; Consequences of Child Labour; Policy
on Child Labour.
2. **Women:** Violence Against Women; Dowry; Status of Women; Policy L10
on Women.
3. **Poverty:** Concept and Magnitude: Causes & Consequences; L10
Strategies for Alleviating Poverty.
4. **Unemployment:** Concept & Types; Magnitude; Causes & L10
Consequences; Strategies for Tackling Unemployment.
5. **Communalism and Secularism:** Concept & Varieties of L12
Communalism; Problem of Communalism; Secularization: Process
and its Impact on Society.
6. **Environment:** Ecological Significance of Caste; Culture and L10
Environment, Technology and Environment.
7. **Urbanization:** Concept & Process: Census Definition of an Urban L15
Place in India: Rural Urban Continuum Vs Rural Urban Differences;
Sub-urbanization; Patterns of Urbanization: Urbanization and Social
Transformation.
8. **Population:** Culture and Fertility; Causes & Consequences of L10
Population Rise; Migration: Types, Causes and Consequences;
Population Policy and Family Welfare.
9. **Some Contemporary Issues:** Corruption; Drug Addiction, AIDS; L13
Concept, Magnitude, Causes & Social Effects.

References:

1. Neera Burra: Born to Work (Chaps. 1, 2, 10, 11)
2. Myron Wainor: The Child and the State in India (Chaps. 2, 8)
3. M. N. Srinivas: Some Reflections on Dowry.

4. Ram Ahuja: Social Problems in India.
5. S. C. Gulati: Fertility in India. (Chaps. 3)
6. Ram Chandra Guha: Social Ecology (Section: I and IV)
7. R. Ramchandra: Urbanization and Urban Systems in India (Chap. 5)
8. K. Mahadevan: Fertility Policies of Asian Countries (Chap. 7)
9. M. S. A. Rao: Urban Sociology in India. (Chap. 3)
10. T. K. Oommen: State and Society in India (Chap. 8)
11. G. R. Madan: Social Problem in India (Vol. I)
12. R. Dutta and Sundharam: Indian Economy (latest edition) (chapters on poverty, unemployment and corruption).
13. G. R. Madan: Indian Rural Problems (Relevant Chapters).
14. A. Das and A. R. Ghosh (ed.): Environment; Issues and Challenges (Vol. II) – Article on Population.