

SEMESTER 1

Context and Perspective in Sociology: Modernity and Late Modernity

- 1. Context of Sociology : Modernity and Post modernity**
- 2. What is Sociology? : Its Nature, Scope and Perspective**
- 3. Concepts of Sociology I : Community, Association, Organisation, Customs, Norma, Values, Roles, Status**
- 4. Concepts of Sociology II: Personality, Group. Culture and Socialisation**
- 5. Social Structure/Institution: Family, Education, Religion, Politics, Stratification**
- 6. Social Interaction and Social Process: Nature, Structure, Forma, Cooperation, Competition, Conflict, Accommodation, Assimilation, Exchange.**
- 7. Social Order, Control and Change :**
 - Social Order: Power and Authority**
 - Social Control: Modes of Social Control**
 - Crime and Deviance**
 - Factors and Processes of Social Change**

SEMESTER 2

Foundational Thought in Sociology

- 1. Transition from Social Philosophical Thought to Sociological Thought : Emergence of Sociology as a New Discipline**
- 2. Auguste Comte : Positivism, Law of Three Stages**
- 3. Herbert Spencer : Theory of Social Evolution, Organic Analogy**
- 4. Emile Durkheim : Division of Labour, Suicide and Religion**
- 5. Max Weber: The Protestant Ethic and Spirit of Capitalism, Bureaucracy; Class, Status and Power.**
- 6. Karl Marx : Materialist Interpretation of History, Base and Superstructure, Capitalism, Class and Class Struggle.**

Semester 3

Perspective on Society in India

- 1. Modern India: Challenges to Integration (Unity in Diversity)**
- 2. Social Change in Modern India: Economic and Structural Impact of Modernisation, Colonialism, Development and Underdevelopment.**
- 3. Rural India : Rural Structure, Rural Reform, Institutional Changes (73rd and 74th Amendment)**
- 4. Urban India: Urbanization in India –its pattern, processes and social effects.**
- 5. Tribal India : Nature and Extent, Scheduled Tribes or Adivasis, Social Inequality and Social Exclusion**
- 6. Caste : Definition, Features, Caste and Class, Caste and Mobility, Brahminization, Sanskritization, Westernisation, Scheduled Castes and Dalits, Other Backward Classes**
- 7. Religion and its Impact**

Semester 4

Contemporary Issues and Developments

- 1. Gender and Sexuality: Defining Sex and Gender, Social Construction of Gender, Gender Stratification, Sex and Culture, Sex and Social Issues.**
- 2. Mass Media: Definition, Types of Mass Media, Social and Cultural Impact of Mass Media**
- 3. Globalization: Definition, Economic and Cultural Implications of Globalization, Role of Market and Mass Media in globalization, Impact of Globalization.**
- 4. Diversity and Identity of Communities: Religious, Linguistic, Ethnic, Caste, Regional, Tribal- all elements of Contestation and Conflict.**
- 5. Mass Movements : Features of Movements, Types of Movements- Environmental/Ecological, Class, Caste, Tribal, Women**

Sociology General

Semester V

SOCIAL ISSUES

1. Population Explosion – its critique: Definition; National Population Policy. Causes and consequences.
2. Ageing: Definition: National Policy on Older people; Social consequences of ageing.
3. Poverty: Rural and Urban; Displacement; Destitution; Distress; Migration
4. Illiteracy: Definition; Causes; Alleviation strategies.
5. Violence against Dalits, Tribals, Women and Children.
6. Terrorism: Definition, Causes and consequences.
7. Modes of Environmental Degradation: Pollution; Deforestation; Ecological Refugees; Displacement.

Semester VI

Globalization

Definition and characteristics of Globalization

Types of Society

Social change

Factors contributing globalization

Impact of globalization

Need for global governance

Research methods:

Sociological questions

The research process

Cause and effect correlation

Methods of Research: Ethnography, Surveys, Experiments Life histories,
Comparative research, Historical analysis combining comparative and historical
methods

Problems and pitfalls

The influence of sociology

Mass Media and Sociology:

Traditional and new media

Theoretical perspectives on the media

Bias and the media

Audiences and media effects

The control of the media

The media in global age