

C1BG230131T

Semester: I				
Programme : BA in Humanities and Social Sciences				
Course : Introduction to Sociology				
Paper code: C1BG230131T			Credits: 4	
Hours/week : 4 hours/week				
Category: Core/MDC/SEC/VAC : Core				
Theory / Practical / Composite : Theory				
No of Modules : 2				
Course Overview: This course is a broad introduction to the discipline of Sociology. It familiarizes the students with the history and some of the fundamental concepts and concerns of the discipline. It explores essential topics like socialization, major social institutions, and the core elements of culture and cultural change. Students gain analytical skills to understand how social structures and cultural processes shape human behaviour and society.				
Course Outcome:				
1. Identify the origins and scope of sociology, including the impact of the Enlightenment and key social revolutions.				
2. Describe the emergence of sociology as a discipline and its relationship to historical and intellectual developments.				
3. Implementing sociological theories to recognize the primary functions of major social institutions: family, education, and media.				
4. Compare and contrast major theories of socialization, noting their applications and implications. Analyze the ways in which social institutions contribute to cultural continuity and social change.				
5. Justify the functions of socialization within diverse societies and recognize the influence of gender on socializing processes. Evaluate processes of cultural accommodation, acculturation, and assimilation, and relate these to real-world scenarios.				
6. Develop examples of cultural relativism in contemporary societies and develop reasoned arguments for its importance in globalized contexts.				
Prerequisites:				
SYLLABUS				
UNIT/Module	CONTENT	HOURS or NUMBER OF CLASSES	CO Mapping	COGNITIVE LEVEL
I.	Module A 1. Nature and Scope of Sociology 1.1 Enlightenment and the Two Revolutions 1.2 Emergence of Sociology	2 Hours/ week	CO1 CO2 CO3 CO4 CO5	K1 K2 K3 K4 K5

	2. Socialization 2.1 Theories of Socialization 2.2 Functions of Socialization 2.3 Gendered Socialization		CO6	K6
II.	Module B 3. Social Institutions 3.1 Family 3.2 Education 3.3 Media 4. Culture and Elements of Culture 4.1 Norms and Values 4.2 Cultural Accommodation 4.3 Acculturation and Assimilation 4.4 Cultural Relativism	2 Hours/ week	CO1 CO2 CO3 CO4 CO5 CO6	K1 K2 K3 K4 K5 K6

Text Books

1. Giddens, Anthony, and Simon Griffiths. Sociology. Polity, 2006.
2. Bilton, T., Bonnett, K., Jones, P., Skinner, D., Stanworth, M. and Webster, A., 2002. Introductory sociology. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan
3. Berger, P.L., 2011. Invitation to sociology: A humanistic perspective. Open Road Media.

Suggested readings

1. Beattie, J., 1951, Other Cultures, New York: The Free Press, Chapter 2, pp.16-34.
2. Hamilton, P., 1992. The enlightenment and the birth of social science. Formations of modernity, 36.
3. Horton, P.B. and C.L. Hunt, 1985, Sociology, New York: McGraw Hill, Chapter 4, pp. 79-103

Web Resources

1. SWAYAM MOOC Course on Introducing Sociology:
https://onlinecourses.swayam2.ac.in/cec21_hs40/preview
2. Coleman, J. S. (1990). Commentary: Social institutions and social theory. *American sociological review*, 55(3), 333-339.

Evaluation

Theory CIA: 30 Semester Exam: 70

Paper Structure for Theory Semester Exam Module :

Total Marks – 70 Modules -2 (35 marks each)

Module A

1 long question out of 2 : 1X 15=15

4 short answer type questions out of 6 : 4X5= 20

Module B

1 long question out of 2 : 1X 15=15

4 short answer type questions out of 6 : 4X5= 20

Course outcomes (COs) and Cognitive Level Mapping

COs	CO Description	Cognitive levels
CO1	Identify the origins and scope of sociology, including the impact of the Enlightenment and key social revolutions	K1
CO2	Describe the emergence of sociology as a discipline and its relationship to historical and intellectual developments	K2
CO3	Implementing sociological theories to recognize the primary functions of major social institutions: family, education, and media	K3
CO4	Compare and contrast major theories of socialization, noting their applications and implications. Analyze the ways in which social institutions contribute to cultural continuity and social change	K4
CO5	Justify the functions of socialization within diverse societies and recognize the influence of gender on socializing processes. Evaluate processes of cultural accommodation, acculturation, and assimilation, and relate these to real-world scenarios.	K5
CO6	Develop examples of cultural relativism in contemporary societies and develop reasoned arguments for its importance in globalized contexts.	K6