Semester	3	
Course *1	BA in Humanities and Social Science (BA General)	
Paper Code	C2BG230331T	
Paper Title	Understanding Indian Society	
No. of Credits *2	4	
Theory / Practical /		
Composite		
Minimum No. of	4	
preparatory hours per week		
a student has to devote		
Number of Modules	2	
Syllabus	Group A	
	Caste	
	Class	
	Group B	
	Religion	
	Family	
Learning Outcomes *3	CO1 - Understand the process of social change within	
	Indian society, including the intricacies of the caste system,	
	religious dynamics, and family structures.	
	C02- Analyze and critically assess the social structures in	
	India, examining the impact of caste, class, and gender on	
	social stratification, and comprehend the complexities of the	
	cultural mosaic.	
	C03- Evaluate key social issues affecting Indian society,	
	such as poverty, inequality, education, and urbanization, and	
	develop a comprehensive understanding of the challenges	
	and dynamics within these domains.	
	C04- Apply sociological theories and research methods to	
	analyze and interpret social phenomena in the context of	
	Indian society, fostering the ability to critically engage with	

	social issues and contribute to informed discussions on	
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Evaluation	Theory 100	Practical (if applicable)	
	CIA: 30	CA:	
	Semester Exam: 70	Semester Exam:	
Paper Structure for	Total Marks – 70		
Theory Semester Exam	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		