

Syllabus of Sociology

B.A. Part - I

Paper I: Elements of Sociology

The nature, scope and subject matter of sociology, sociology and social philosophy, sociology and other social sciences, methods of study.

Primary concepts: society - animal society and human society; community, association and institution, social group: in-group and out-group, primary group and secondary group; social institutions: marriage; family, religion, polity, economy and education.

The concept of 'total environment', geographical environment and its impact on social life, the concept of social ecology - the city and country.

The individual and the society: social contract theory, organismic theory, the interdependence between the individual and the society.

Social differentiation and stratification, caste and class, status and role; Basic social processes: cooperation, competition and conflict.

The concept of culture: tradition, folkways and mores.

Book recommended:

- 1- R.M. Maclver and C.H. Page : Society: An Introductory Analysis
- 2- Robert Bierstedt : The Social Order.
- 3- Kingsley Davis : Human Society
- 4- P. Gisbert : Fundamentals of Sociology
- 5- J.P. Gillin and J.L. Gillin : Cultural Sociology

- 6- T.B. Bottomore : Sociology
- 7- H.M. Johnson : Sociology
- 8- Harton and Hunt : Sociology
- 9- Alex Inkeles : What is sociology?

Paper II: Indian Social Institutions:

The textual and the field view of Indian society: the significance of the field view; interface between the present and the past.

Traditional bases of Indian social system: Varnashram Vyavastha, Purusharthas, Samskaras, the concept of dharma-samanya and vishishtha; the doctrine of karma, karma and rebirth.

Caste system: definition and salient characteristics, theories of origin, recent changes in the caste system, factors responsible for changes, emerging pattern of stratification: caste and class.

Hindu marriage: its sacramental nature, forms of Hindu Marriage : Prashast and Aprashasta, Anuloma and Pratiloma; Rules of marriage - endogamy and exogamy; recent changes.

The Hindu family – forms and functions, recent changes, emerging pattern of family in India.

Marriage and family among Muslims and Christians in India.

Tribal marriage and family, problems of acculturation.

Book, recommended:

1. P.H. Prabhu : Hindu Social Organisation.
2. K.M. Kapadia: Marriage and Family in India.
3. P.V. Kane : History of Dharmashastra - Vol. - 1
4. G.S. Ghurye : Caste, Class and Occupation.
5. J.H. Hutton : Caste in India.
6. Irawati Karve: Hindu society - An Interpretation.
7. S. Radhakrishnan : (i) Religion and Society.
(ii) The Hindu View of Life.

8. K.M. Pannikar: Hindu society at Crossroads.
9. Sri Aurobindo: Foundations of Indian culture.
10. N.K. Bose : (i) Culture and Society in India.
(ii) Structure of Hindu Society.
11. The Indian Council of Social Science Research: "A Survey of Research in Sociology and Social Anthropology", Vol. - I, Bombay : Popular Prakashan, 1974.

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Paper I: Social Control and Social Change

Socialization: Primary socialization and secondary socialization, anticipatory socialization; stages of socialization, agencies of socialization; theories of socialization: C.H. Cooley, G.H. Mead and Sigmund Freud; role of learning and imitation in socialization.

Social control: concept of social control; agencies of social control- family, state and religion; means of social control- public opinion, propaganda, reward and punishment, language, humour and art.

Social change: concept and patterns of social change; social evolution, progress and development, theories of social change - linear and cyclic theories, factors of social change - population and social change, technology and social change, economy and social change, culture and social change.

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1. R.M. MacIver and C.H. Page: Society- An Introductory Analysis.
2. Kingsley Davis: Human Society.
3. J.L. Gillin and J.P. Gillin : Cultural Sociology.
4. W.F. Ogburn and M.F. Nimkoff : A Handbook of Sociology.

5. E.A. Ross: Social Control.
6. J.S. Roucek: Social Control.
7. David Popenoe: Sociology.

Paper II: Social Disorganisation

The concept of social disorganization; personal disorganization - creative and pathological personality types; family disorganization; cultural disorganization— degeneration in morals and manners; social disorganization in India.

Social Problem: Crime- concept of crime - legal and sociological, theories of crime, types of crime - juvenile delinquency, white collar crime.

Dowry, divorce and domestic violence, intra and intergenerational conflict.

Poverty, unemployment, casteism, communalism, regionalism and terrorism, youth activism, prostitution, alcoholism and drug addiction, environmental pollution.

Books, recommended:

1. M.A. Elliott and F.E. Merrill: Social Disorganisation.
2. C.B. Mamoria: Social problem and Disorganisation in India.
3. J.M. Sethna: Crime and Society in India.
4. E.H. Sutherland: Principles of Criminology.
5. G.R. Madan: Social Problems in India, Vol. I & II.
6. Ministry of Home Affairs, 1998: Crime in India, New Delhi, Government of India.
7. S.S. Gill, 1988: The Pathology of Corruption, 'New Delhi, Harper Collins Publishers (India).
8. Ram Ahuja: Indian Social Problems.
9. L.M. Singhvi: Youth Unrest: Conflict of Generations, Delhi, National Publishing House.

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B.A. Part - III

Paper I: Perspectives in Sociology

Positivism, with particular reference to Auguste Comte- definition place in the law of three stages, classification of science, place of sociology in the hierarchy of sciences, plan for the reorganisation of society.

Historicism, with particular reference to Karl Marx- Historicism and historical materialism, place of dialectics in historicism, class - struggle.

Evolutionism, with particular reference to Herbert Spencer- concept of evolution and its distinction from that of historicism, cosmic evolution and social evolution. Social Darwinism.

Verstehende sociology, with particular reference to Max Weber - The concept of verstehende sociology, subject - matter: social action, methodology: Ideal Type.

Structural- functionalism: Anthropological functionalism- B. Malinowski and A Radcliffe - Brown. Sociological functionalism - its root in early sociologists, contributions of R.K. Merton - System -analysis, with particular reference to Talcott Parsons - Conceptualization of system, action system, pattern - variables.

Symbolic interactionism, with particular reference to George Herbert Mead - basic premises and principles of symbolic interactionism, specific contributions of Mead: act, symbol, development of self, society.

Deterministic approaches - Sociologism of Emile Durkheim, geographical determinism and psychological determinism.

Book, recommended:

1. Mill, John Stuart, "Auguste Comte and Positivism," in Robson, J.M. (ed.), "John Stuart Mill: Essays on Ethics, Religion and Society," University of Toronto Press.
2. Aron, Raymond, "Main Currents in Sociological Thought", Vols. I & II, London: Penguin Books.
3. Fletcher, Ronald, 'The Making of Sociology: A Study of Sociological Theory', Vols. I & II, London: Michael Joseph.
4. Popper, Karl, 'The Poverty of Historicism', London: Routledge and Kegan Paul.
5. Harris, Marvin, 'The Rise of Anthropological Theory: A History of the Theories of Culture,' London: Routledge and Degan Paul.
6. Ward, Lester F, 'Dynamic Sociology', Vol.I, New York: Johnson Reprint.
7. Freund, Julien, "The Sociology of Max Weber", London: The Penguin Press.
8. Abraham, M. Francis, 'Modern Sociological Theory' Delhi: Oxford University Press.
9. Merton, R.K., 'Social Theory and Social Structure,' New Delhi: Amerind Publishing Company.
10. Parsons, Talcott and Shils, Edward A, 'Toward A General Theory of Action, Cambridge: Harvard University Press.
11. Barnes, Harry Elmer (ed.), 'An Introduction to the History of Sociology,' (Abridged edition), Chicago: The University of Chicago Press.

Paper II: Social Anthropology:

Definition, scope and subject matter; sociology and social anthropology; culture - definition, culture and society, culture and personality, patterns

and configuration of culture, cultural relativism theories of cultural growth: evolutionism, diffusionism, structural - functional approach.

Tribes-distinctive features of tribal societies, tribal social organisation (with particular reference to Indian tribal); dormitory system; marriage, family and kinship; religion: totem and taboo, religion and magic, theories of religion; political organization: law, custom and government.

Changing canvas of India tribal life, culture contact and its problem – acculturation: government and tribal welfare.

Books, recommended:

1. Emile Durkheim: The Elementary Forms of the Religious Life.
2. Herskovits: Cultural Anthropology.
3. Kroeber: Anthropology.
4. Malinowski: A Scientific Theory of Culture and other Essays.
5. D.N. Majumdar: Races and Cultures of India.
6. Majumdar and Madan: An Introduction to Social Anthropology.
7. Nadeem Hussain: Tribal India.

Paper III: Techniques of Social Survey and Research

The concept, definition and nature of social survey; major steps in social survey; social survey and research; hypothesis. Research design.

Data collection: Meaning, types and sources of data ; observation; interview schedule & questionnaire and case study method.

Sampling: Types and methods.

Elementary statistical methods;

Measures of central tendencies: Mean, Media and Mode.

Diagrammatic representation of data.



Books, recommended:

1. Lundberg, G.A. : Social Research
2. Ackoff, R.L.: The Design of Social Research
3. Cohen: Statistical Methods for Social Scientists.
4. Gosh and Chaudhary: Element of Statistics.
5. Coser, C.A. and Kalton, G: Survey Methods in Social Investigation
6. Bailey, Kenneth D,: methods of Social Research
7. त्रिपाठी सत्येन्द्र: सामाजिक अनुसन्धान एवं मान्त्रिकी एवं अनिल कुमार श्रीवास्तव, रावत पब्लिकेशन, जयपुर एवं नई दिल्ली.