

Department of Sociology

M.A. Previous (Sociology) – New Course
(Session 2010-11)

Paper I

History of Sociological Thought

- A brief review of the development of sociology with particular reference to Auguste Comte, Karl Marx, H. Spencer, E. Durkheim, V. Pareto, F. Tonnies, Max Weber and C.H. Cooley
- Theoretical Perspectives in Indian Sociology: Indological perspective (G.S. Ghurye, N.K. Bose)
- Structural-Functionalism (M.N. Srinivas, S.C. Dube)
- Marxism (A.R. Desai, Ram Krishna Mukherjee)
- A brief survey of major schools of sociology

Paper II

Methods of Social Research

- The nature of social research, major steps in social research; The role of perspectives in social research
- The selection and formulation of research problem: hypothesis, concepts, bibliography and reference work
- Research design: exploratory or formulative, descriptive or diagnostic and experimental
- Data Collection: Types and sources of data, observation, interview, schedule and questionnaire, case study, content and analysis
- Problems of Measurement, projective techniques, sociometry, scaling: census, sampling: types and methods, theory of property space
- Statistical Analysis: elementary statistical methods, measures of central tendency and dispersion
- Analysis and interpretation: Coding and tabulation, generalisation: causation, correlation, preparation of report, Application of social research

Paper III

Sociology of Development

- Its nature and scope, changing conceptions of development, economic growth, human development, social development, sustainable development
- Developed and developing societies, problems of developing societies with particular reference to India, theories of development and underdevelopment, centre periphery, world systems, unequal exchange
- Process and problems of modernization with special reference to education, urbanization, occupational mobility and democratization, paths and agencies of development: capitalist, socialist, mixed economy, Gandhian, state, market, nongovernment organizations
- Social structure and development, structure as facilitator/inhibitor of development, socio-economic disparities, gender and development, culture and development: culture as an aid/impediment to development, development and displacement of tradition, development and upsurge of ethnicity
- Indian experience of development: sociological appraisal of Five Year Plans, entrepreneurship and industrialization, social and cultural consequences of economic reforms, globalization and info-tech revolution

Paper IV

Society and Culture in Contemporary India

- Bases of Indian social system, Indian concept of man: family, marriage and kinship, caste in contemporary India, changes in caste system (fission and fusion), caste and class, class and politics
- Unity and diversity in India, cultural pluralism and national integration, problems of cultural synthesis, minorities in India, secularism and egalitarianism: emerging issues

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- Empowerment of women: role of state and non-governmental organizations
- Religion in contemporary India, globalisation and culture
- The new Indian elite, the Indian middle class

Paper V

Advanced Course in Sociological Theory

- The nature of sociological theory, theories of the middle range, micro and macro sociological analysis, functionalism and conflict theory, the theory of action, the theory of social stratification, phenomenology and symbolic interactionism, reference group theory, deviant behaviour and anomie, sociology of knowledge, neo-marxism, neo-functionalism, structuralism and post-structuralism, postmodernism

M.A. Final Year (Sociology) (New Course w.e.f. Session 2011-12)

There shall be nine optional papers and a viva-voce each carrying 100 marks. Out of nine optional papers, the student shall have to opt four papers of his/her interest.

Optional Papers

1. Gender and Society
2. Rural Sociology and Community Development
3. Urban Sociology
4. Sociology of Environment
5. Criminology and Penology
6. Industrial Sociology
7. Social Demography
8. Social Psychology
9. Social Statistics

Paper I

Gender and Society

- Patriarchy as ideology and practice, status of women in society, nature Vs gender, sexual division of labour, socialization and gender roles, socio-historical perspective of gender
- Prevailing feminist theories, feminism and post-structuralism, feminism and post modernism; gender and stratification: caste and gender, class and gender
- Status of women in India: pre-colonial, colonial and post-colonial, demographic profile of gender-gap (Census, National Sample Surveys), gender and polity, gender and violence, women's employment and their earnings; gender and development: health, education and land rights
- Women's empowerment, women's movements, liberalization, globalization and their impact on women, role of the state and NGOs

Paper II

Rural Sociology and Community Development

- The basic concepts of rural sociology, little community, peasant society and folk culture, the Indian village, its social stratification and power structure; social institutions: caste, joint family, religion, jajmani system and panchayats; social change in the Indian village: sanskritization and modernization; the emerging pattern of leadership, the impact of green revolution on the village
- Rural development and planning, the scope and method of community development, voluntary participation and self help, evaluation of the community development movement in India, integrated rural development programme

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Paper III Urban Sociology

- The nature and scope of Urban Sociology, the concept of urban place and the city, ecological and sociological, typologies of cities, urbanism urban social structure: class family religion, culture, recreation, urban government, rural urban continuum with special reference to India, migration, theories and trends in India
- Urban growth in India, Indian cities and their problems, urbanization and its consequences, slums and housing problems in India, regional perspectives of urban growth, city planning and future of cities in India

Paper IV Sociology of Environment

- Sociology of environment: definition and scope of the study, emerging theoretical parameters in environmental sociology, contribution of Zaveskoskis, Dunlap and Catton, Ramchandra Guha, Patric Giddens and Radha Kamal Mukerjee
- Nature versus nurture, synthesis of societal and environmental dialectics, environmental issues pertaining to population, water, sanitation, pollution, energy, housing, urban development and poverty
- Development, social impact: assessment of environmental issues, displacement
- Relocation and environment of problems, global environmentalism: a challenge to post materialism thesis, environment, technology and society, environmental justice, policy and action

Paper V Criminology and Penology

- Criminology: definition, scope and method, development of criminological thought, concept of crime: legal and sociological, criminal types, social processes (Mobility, competition and conflict) and crime
- Major theories and schools of criminology: pre-scientific, classical, geographical, positive, economic and socio-cultural
- Factors in the causation of criminal behaviour, changing profile of crime and criminals, organized crimes, crimes against women and children, cyber crimes, changing socio-economic profile of the criminals in contemporary India, the dilemma of causation, physiological, geographical, psychological, economic and socio-cultural variables, victimology and its implications for crime control and prevention
- Penology: the meaning and objectives of punishment, theories of punishment, capital punishment, intermediate sentence, the ideal prison, preventive and treatment measures of crime and criminal, role of police and courts in crime prevention, probation and parole, prison reforms in Uttar Pradesh

Paper VI Industrial Sociology

- The nature and scope of industrial sociology, the rise of modern industrialism, the industrial revolution, characteristic features of modern industrial organization with reference to India, work, work process, technology and labour, work-culture, work ethics and human relations at work, personnel management, wages, trade unionism, collective bargaining, settlement of disputes, labour legislation and welfare, social security, labour participation in industrial management, industrial planning and progress

Paper VII Social Demography

- The scope of social demography, population theories, Malthus, Spencer, Dumont, Fetter, Mukherjee
- Culture and fertility, techniques of demographic analysis: demographic research, contemporary demographic situation with reference to India, Demographic change, population planning in India, World population and resources

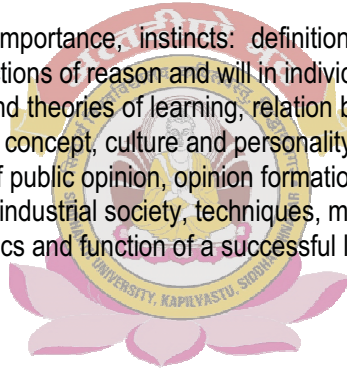
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Paper VIII

Social Psychology

- Social Psychology: definition, scope and importance, instincts: definition, characteristics and types, imitation, suggestion and sympathy, feeling, emotion, functions of reason and will in individual and in society
- Human learning: meaning, factors, methods and theories of learning, relation between individual and society: theories, process and agency of socialisation, Personality concept, culture and personality, mass behaviour, crowd and audience
- Public opinion: meaning, process and media of public opinion, opinion formation in democratic society
- Propaganda: meaning, tools of propaganda in industrial society, techniques, merits and demerits of propaganda
- Leadership: concept, traits, types, characteristics and function of a successful leader
- Fashion: meaning, psychology of fashion
- Psychology of war



Paper IX

Social Statistics

- Statistics in social sciences, sociometry, planning, statistical survey, elementary statistical methods including bivariate analysis, correlation, association, index number, interpolation and extra-polation, principles of statistical estimation, tests of hypothesis, diagrammatic and graphical representation of data, Indian statistics

