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**M.A. SOCIOLOGY**

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**FIRST YEAR**  
**PAPER 1 - PRINCIPLES OF SOCIOLOGY -**

**Unit I. Introduction**

Sociology:origin and development. Nature and scope. As a science. Importance. Methods.

**Unit II. Individual and Society**

Theories about the origin of human society. Importance of society for individuals. The role of Heredity and Environment in the life of individuals.

**Unit III. Culture**

Characteristics. Functions. Types. Culture lag. Culture and Personality. Culture and Civilization.

**Unit IV. Social Interaction and Socialization**

Social Interaction: Forms: Associative: Cooperation, Accommodation and Assimilation  
 .Dissociative:  
 Competition and Conflict.

**Unit V. Social Institutions and Social Control**

Social Institutions:Features. Functions. Forms:Family,Marriage, Economy,Education,Polity and Religion.

Social Control:Importance. Types:Formal and Informal agencies.

**Books for reference**

- 1.Shepard, John M.Sociology. St.Paul,Minnesota:West Publishing Company, 1981
- 2.Stewart,E.W. and Glynn, J.A. Introductin to Sociology. New Delhi:Tata McGraw Hill Publishing Company, 1981.
- 3.Macionis,John J.Sociology. 9th ed.New Jersey: Prentice Hall,2003.
- 4.Hortan,P.B.and Hunt C.L.Sociology .Tokyo:McGraw Hill Inc., 1984.

5. Bierstedt, Robert. The social order. New Delhi: Tata McGraw Hill Book Company, 1980.
6. Schaefer, Richard T. Sociology. New York: McGraw Hill, 1999.
7. Anthony Giddens. Sociology: Introductory Readings. Cambridge: Blackwell, 2002

## **PAPER 2 - SOCIOLOGICAL THEORIES**

### **Unit I. Sociological Theories**

Characteristics. Functions. Types

### **Unit II. Auguste Comte and Hebert Spencer**

Auguste Comte: Science of Sociology. Law of human progress. Hierarchy of sciences. Social statics and social dynamics.

Herbert Spencer: Social Evolution. Organic Analogy.

### **Unit III. Karl Marx and Max Weber**

Karl Marx: Dialectical materialism. Materialistic interpretation of history. Classes and class struggle Alienation. Theory of surplus value. Theory of social change.

Max Weber: Ideal type Verstehen approach. Causality. Social action. Authority. Bureaucracy. Religion and economy. Class Status and Power.

### **Unit IV. Talcott Parsons and Robert K. Merton**

Talcott Parsons: Action Theory. Pattern Variables. Theory of Social System.

Robert K. Merton: Theory of social structure. Role-set theory. Reference group theory. Theory of anomie. Paradigm of functional analysis

### **Unit V. Radha Kamal Mukerjee and M.N. Srinivas**

R.K. Mukerjee: A general theory of society. Regional basis of values and symbols.

M.N. Srinivas: Theory of social change

### **Books for Reference**

1. Abel, Theodore. The Foundations of Sociological Theory. Indian ed. Jaipur: Rawat Publications, 1980.
2. Abraham, Francis M., and Morgan, John Henry. Sociological Thought. Madras: Macmillan India, 1985.
3. Abraham, Francis M. Modern Sociological Theory: An Introduction. Delhi: Oxford University Press, 1982.
4. Aron, Raymond. Main Currents in Sociological Thought Vols. II & I. Hammondsport, Middlesex: Penguin Books, 1965.
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6. Nisbet, Robert A. The Sociological Tradition. London: Heinemann, 1967.
7. Ritzer, George. Sociological Theory, 2nd ed. New York: McGraw-Hill Publishing Company, 1988.
8. Turner, Jonathan H. The structure of sociological Theory. Australia: Thomson/Wordsworth, 2003.
9. Doshi, S.L. Modernity, Post-Modernity and Neo-Sociological Theories. Jaipur: Rawat, 2002
10. George Ritzer. The Blackwell Companion to Major Classical Social Theories. Maryland: Blackwell, 2003.
11. Srinivas, M.N. Social Change in Modern India Berkeley: University of California Press, 1972.
12. Sharma, Ram Nath and Sharma, Rajendran K. Indian Social Thought: Bombay: Media Promoters and Publishers Pvt. Ltd 1984.

## **PAPER 3 - SOCIAL RESEARCH AND STATISTICS**

### **Unit I. Social Research**

Nature. Objectives. Survey and Research. Steps in social research. Research Design. Hypothesis.

### **Unit II. Sampling and Data Collection**

Sampling: Purpose. Principles. Methods. Probability and non-Probability sampling  
Data: Types. Sources. Tools of data collection: Observation, Interview, Questionnaire, Focus Group and case study. Measurement and scaling techniques. Reliability and validity of scales.

### **Unit III. Processing and Presentation of Data**

Data Processing: Editing, Coding, Classification and Tabulation. Working Knowledge in SPSS.

Presentation of data: Diagrams and graphs.

### **Unit IV. Application of Statistical Tests**

Measures of Central Tendency: Mean, Median, and Mode. Uses and Limitations.  
Dispersion: Quartile Deviation, Mean Deviation and Standard Deviation. Uses and limitations.

Correlation: Karl Pearson's Coefficient of Correlation and Spearman's Rank Correlation.

Chi-Square test: Application. Uses. Limitations.

### **Unit V. Report Writing**

Preparation of Research Report: Steps, Content and Style.

### **Books for Reference:**

1. Beteille, Andre and Madan , T.N. Encounter and Experience: Personal Accounts of Fieldwork. New Delhi:Vikas Publishing House,1975.
2. Bryman, Alan. Quality and Quantity in Social Research. London: Unwin Hyman, 1988.
3. Jayaram, N. Sociology: Methods and Theory. Madras: Macmillan, 1989.
4. Srinivas, M.N. and A.M. Shah. Fieldworker and the Field. Delhi: Oxford University Press, 1979.
5. Young, P.V. Scientific Social Surveys and Research. New Delhi: Prentice Hall of India, 1988.
6. Bose, Pradip kumar, Research Methodology. New Delhi: ICSSR, 1995.
7. Punch, Keith. Introduction to Social Research. London: Sage, 1986.
8. Goode, William J. and Hatt, Paul K. Methods in Social Research. Tokyo: McGraw-Hill Kogakusha Ltd., 1952.
9. Black, James A. and Champion, Dean J. Methods and Issues in Social Research. New York: John Wiley & Sons, Inc., 1976.
10. Turabian, Kate L. Student's Guide for Writing College Papers. 3rd ed. Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, 1976.
11. Wilkinson T.S. and Bhandarkar, P.L. Techniques and Methods of Social Research. Bombay: Himalaya Publishing House, 1990.
12. Kerlinger, Fred N. Foundations of Behavioral Research. Delhi: Surjeet Publications, 1984.
13. Babbie, Earl. Practice of Social Research. Belmont: Wordsworth Publishing Co., 1992.
14. Kaplan, Abraham. The Conduct of Inquiry: Methodology for Behavioral Science. New York: Thomas Y. Growell, 1964.
15. Selltiz, Claire, Wrightsman, Lawrence S. and Cook, Stuart. Research Methods in Social Relations. 3rd ed. New York: Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 1976.

## PAPER 4 - SOCIOLOGY OF INDIAN SOCIETY

### **Unit I. Multifaces of Indian Society**

Demographic profile. Religious composition. Linguistic groups. Cultural diversity.

**Unit II Caste System:** Varna and Jati. Characteristics of Caste System. Untouchability. Features of PCR Act. Changing trends in caste system.

### **Unit III Rural Economy and Religion**

**Economy:** Agriculture and allied activities. Cottage and small scale industries. Changes in village economy.

**Religion:** Beliefs and practices. Village temples and festivals. Changes in religious life.

### **Unit IV Marriage and Family**

**Marriage:** Marriage among the Hinduus, Muslim's and Christians. Changing trends in contemporary times.

**Family:** Significance. Types. Characteristic features and Joint Family. Changing trends in contemporary times.

### **Unit V. Patterns of social change in India**

Modernization of Indian Tradition. Sanskritisation. Westeization.

### **Books For Reference**

1. Dube. S.C **India since Independence: Social Report on Inida, 1947-1972.** Bombay: Vikas Publishing House, 1977.
2. Ghurye, G.S. **Caste and Race in Inida.** 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. Bombay: Popular Prakashan, 1969.
3. Hutton, J.H. **Caste in India.** Bombay: Oxford University Press, 1983.
4. Kapadia, K.M. **Marriage and Family in India.** Bombay: Oxford University Press, 1966.
5. Mandelbaum, David G. **Society in India.** Vols. I & II. Bombay: Popular Prakashan, 1972.
6. Mencher, Joan P. **Agriculture and Social Structure in Tamil Nadu: Past Origins. Present Transformations and Future Prospects.** New Delhi: Allied Publishers, 1978.
7. Singh. Y. **Indian Sociology, Social Conditioning and Emerging Concerns.** Delhi: Vistaar, 1986.
8. Singh, Y. **Modernization of Indian Tradition.** Delhi: Thomos Press, 1973.
9. Srinivas, M.V. **Caste in Modern India and Other Essays.** Bombay: Asia Publishing House, 1962.
10. Srinivas, M.N. **Social Change in Modern India.** Berkeley; University of California Press, 1972.

## SECOND YEAR

## PAPER 5 - SOCIAL PROBLEMS

### **Unit I Social Problems**

General characteristics of social problem. Types of social problem. Perspectives on social problems: Social pathology perspective. Social disorganization perspective. Value conflict perspective. Deviant behavior perspective.

## **Unit II Crime**

Theories of crime. **Juvenile Delinquency**: Causes. Juvenile Homes and remedial measures. **Evil practices against women**. Female Foeticide, Female Infanticide. *Dowry*: Social legislation.

## **Unit III Communalism and Terrorism**

Causes and trends. Fundamentalism vs. Secularism. Sectarianism, Terrorism.

## **Unit IV Health Issues**

Alcoholism, Prostitution, and HIV/AIDS.

## **Unit IV Aging**

Problems of elderly. Institutional and home based care. Other agencies in old age care.

## **Unit V Children in difficult circumstances**

Child labour. Street children. Immoral trafficking of Children.

## **Books for Reference**

1. Ahuja, Ram. **Social Problems in India**. Jaipur:Rawat, 1997.
2. Coleman, James William., and Cressey, Donald R. **Social Problems**. 3<sup>rd</sup> ed., New York: Harpet & Row, 1987.
3. DeFleur, Melvin L.**Social Problems in American Society**. New York: Harper & Row, 1983.
4. Julian, Joseph. **Social Problems**. Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey: Prentice-Hall, 1977.
5. Lemert, Edwin M.**Social Pathology**. New York: Mc Graw-Hill, 1991.
6. Merton, Robert K., and Nisbort, Robert A.ed.s. **Contemporary Social Problems**. New York: Harcourt Brace, 1971.
7. Scarpitti, Frank R., and Anderson, Margaret L.Social Problems. New York: Harper & Row. 1989.
8. Macionis, John J.Social Problems. New Jersey: Prentice Hall, 2002.

## **PAPER 6 - SOCIAL DEMOGRAPHY**

### **Unit I.Demography**

Emergence of demography. Importance of the study. Sources of demographic data: Census. Vital statistics and sample surveys. Populations theories: Malthusian theory, Optimum population theory, Marxists' views on population and Demographic transition theory.

### **Unit II. Fertility**

Relationships among fertility, fecundity and reproductive span. Fertility measurements. Differential fertility. Physiological and socio-cultural factors affecting fertility. Methods of contraception.

### **Unit III Mortality**

Mortality measurements. Causes of mortality. Differential mortality. Causes of Maternal mortality. Infant mortality: Causes and trends in India. Factors responsible for Female Foeticide and Female Infanticide-their implications.

### **Unit IV Migration**

Types and patterns. Factors influencing migration. Social and demographics effects of migration. Brain gain and Brain drain trends.

## **Unit V Population Growth and Control**

Trends of population growth in India and the world. Factors influencing population growth in India. Population control in India: Need. Measures. Family Welfare Approach Services. Appraisal of India's National Population Policy.

### **Books For Reference**

1. Bhende, Asha A., and Kanitkar, Tara. **Principles of Population Studies**. 6<sup>th</sup> ed. Bombay: Himalaya Publishing House, 1994.
2. Chandrasekhar, S. **Infant Mortality, Population and Family Planning in India**. London: Allen & Unwin, 1972.
3. Heer, David M. **Society and Population**. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. New Delhi: Prentice-Hall India, 1987.
4. Misra, Bhaskar D. **An Introduction to the Study of Population**. New Delhi: South Asia Publishing Company, 1981.
5. Premi, M.K.; Ramanamma, A.; and Bambawale, Usha. **An Introduction to Social Demography**. Delhi: Vikas Publishing House, 1983.
6. Raj, Hans. **Fundamentals of Demography (Population Studies with Special Reference to India)**. 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. Delhi: Surjeet Publications, 1984.
7. Sinha, V.C.; and Zacharia, E. **Elements of Demography**. New Delhi: Allied Publishers, 1986.
8. Thompson, Warren S., and Lewis, David T. **Population Problems**. 5<sup>th</sup> ed. New Delhi: Tata McGraw-Hill Publishing Company, 1965.
9. O.S. Shrivastava. **Demography and population Studies** New Delhi: Vikas publishing House Pvt.Ltd., 1995.
10. Kumarasena, Harsha. **Population Education**. New Delhi: Dominant Publishers and Distributors, 2004

## **PAPER 7 - SOCIOLOGY OF CHANGE AND DEVELOPMENT**

### **Unit I. Introduction**

Social change: Forms of social change, Interrelationship between change and development. Indicators of development. Change in structure and change of structure.

### **Unit II. Changing conceptions of Development**

Economic Development Human development. Social development. Sustainable development. Socio-cultural sustainability. Multiple sustainabilities.

### **Unit III. Social Change in Contemporary India**

Trends of social change. Patterns of social change: Sanskritization, Westernization, Modernization and Secularization.

### **Unit IV Theories and Agencies of Development**

Theories of development and under development: Modernization theories, Centre-periphery, World system and Unequal exchange. Models of development: Capitalist, Socialist, Mixed economy and Gandhian.

## **Unit V. Indian Experience and Development**

Sociological appraisal of Five Year Plans. Socio-cultural repercussions of globalization. Social implications of info-tech revolution. Development and displacement.

### **Books for reference**

1. Agarwal B.A **Field one's Own: Gender and Land Rights in South Asia.** Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1994.
2. Appadurai, Arjun. **Modernity At Large: Cultural Dimensions of Globalization.** New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 1997.
3. Dereze, Jean and Amartya Sen, **India: Economic Development and Social Opportunity.** New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 1996.
4. Desai, A.R. **India's Path to Development: A Marxist Approach** (chapter II) **Bombay: Popular Prakashan, 1985.**
5. Giddens, Anthony. **Global Problems and Ecological Problems in Introduction to Sociology.** 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. New York: W.W.Norton & Co., 1996.
6. Harrison, D. **The Sociology of Modernization and Development.** New Delhi: Sage, 1989.
7. Sharma, S.L. **Development: Socia-Cultural Dimensions**(Chapter I). Jaipur: Rawat, 1986.
8. Sharma S.L. **Salience of Ethnicity in Modernization: Evidence fro m India,** Sociological Bulletin, 1994, Vol.39, Nos.1 & 2, pp. 33-51.
9. Srinivas M.N. **Social Change in Modern India.** Berkley. University of Berkley, 1966.
10. "Symposium on Implications of Globalization", **Sociological Bulletin**, Vol, 44, 1995 (Articles by Mathew, Panini & Pathy).
11. **UNDP. Human Development Report.** New York: Oxford University Press, 1997.
12. Waters, Malcolm. **Globalization.** New York: Rutledge and Kegan Paul, 1995.
13. Harper, Charles L. **Exploring Social Change.** 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. New Jersey: Printice Hall, 1998.
14. Giri, Ananta Kumar, ed. **Rethinking Social Transformation.** New Delhi: Ramat Publications, 2001.
15. Edelman Marc and Angered, Angered. eds. **The Anthropology of Development and Globalization.** Blackwell, 2004.

## **PAPER 8. ENVIRONMENT AND SOCIETY**

### **Unit I. Approaches to the study of Man-Environment Relationship**

**Approaches:** Deterministic approach. Teleological approach. Possibilistic approach. Economic deterministic approach. Ecological approach.

### **Unit II. Environment and Society**

Society-environment interaction. Population-environment interaction. Technology-environment interactin. Relationship between environment and development.

### **Unit III Environmental Degradation**

Deforestation, Depletion of water resource, water pollution, soil pollution, air pollution and noise pollution their causes and consequences. Pollution control Board measures to control pollution.

### **Unit IV Environmental Planning**

Strategies for afforestation, water conservation, Soil conservation, Treatment of wastes and controlling environmental pollution.

### **Unit V Environmental Protection and Promotion.**

National Policy on environment. Laws on environmental protection. Role of Pollution Control Board. Environmental Movements and non-Governmental organizations in the promotion of environment.

### **Books for Reference**

1. Abuse of Nature in Contemporary India. New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 1966.
2. Giddens, Anthony. Global Problems and Ecological Crisis in Introduction to Sociology. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. New York: W.W.Norton & Co., 1996.
3. Kumar, R. Environmental Pollution and Health Hazards. New Delhi: Ashish Publishing House, 1987.
4. Michael Redclift. Development and the Environment Crisis. New York: Meheun Co. Ltd., 1984.
5. Mohan, I. Environmental Pollution and Management. New Delhi: Asish Publishing House, 1990.
6. Munshi, Indra. Environment in Sociological Theory. Sociological Bulletin. Vol.49, No.2, 2002.
7. Naess, Arne. Ecology, Community and Life Style: Outline of Ecology. Translated by David Rothenberg, Cambridge: Oxford University Press, 1989.
8. Sharma, P.D. Ecology and Environment. Meerut: Rastogi Publications, 1990.
9. Schnaiberg, Allan. The Environment. New York: Oxford University Press, 1980.
10. Shepard, John M. Sociology. St. Paul, Minnesota: West Publishing Company, 1981.
11. The State of India's Environment 1982: A Citizen's Report. New Delhi: Centre for Science and Environment, 1982.
12. Shrivastava, K.K. Environmental Education: Principles, Concepts and Management, New Delhi: Kanishka Publishers, 2004.

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