

SOCIOLOGY

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Semester-1

CC/GE-1

Introduction to Sociology

1. Sociology: Discipline and Perspective

- 1.1 Nature and Scope of Sociology
- 1.2 Sociology as a science
- 1.3 Sociology and Common Sense

2. Sociology and Other Social Sciences

- 2.1 Sociology and Social Anthropology
- 2.2 Sociology & Psychology
- 2.3 Sociology & History

3. Basic Concepts

- 3.1 Individual and Group
- 3.2 Associations and Institutions
- 3.3 Culture and Society
- 3.4 Social Change

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6. G. Rocher: A General Introduction to Sociology
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9. Gordon Marshal : Dictionary of Sociology (OUP)
10. Harry M. Johnson : Sociology
11. Henry Tischler: Introduction to Sociology
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Semester-2

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Sociology of India

1. India as a Plural Society

1.1 Unity and Diversity

1.2 Problem of National Unity

2. Social Institutions and Practices

2.1 Caste

2.1.1 Sanskritization

2.1.2 Changing aspects

2.2 Tribe

2.2.1 Features

2.2.2 Tribes in contemporary India

2.3 Class

2.3.1 Rural class

2.3.2 Urban class

2.4 Village

2.4.1 Self-sufficient village community

2.5 Family and Kinship

2.5.1 Types of family

2.5.2 Kinship in India

3. Identities and Change

3.1 Dalits' Movement

3.2 Women's Movement

4. Challenges to State and Society

4.1 Communalism

4.1.1 Problems

4.1.2 Solution

4.2 Secularism

4.2.1 Concept

4.2.2 Nature

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Semester-3

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Sociological Theories

1. **Emergence of sociology as a new discipline: A brief account**
2. **Karl Marx**
 - 2.1 Materialist Conception of History
 - 2.2 Class and Class Struggle
3. **Emile Durkheim**
 - 3.1 Social Fact
 - 3.2 Forms of Solidarity
4. **Max Weber**
 - 4.1 Ideal Types and Social Action
 - 4.2 Types of Authority

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Semester-4

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Methods of Sociological Enquiry

1. The Logic of Social Research

- 1.1 Concepts; Variables; Propositions
- 1.2 Conceptualization and Operationalization
- 1.3 Formulation and Verification of Hypotheses
- 1.4 Research Design: Exploratory, Explanatory, Descriptive
- 1.5 Sampling logic: Probability and Non-probability

2. Methodological Perspectives

- 2.1 The Positivist Method
- 2.2 The Interpretative Method
- 2.3 The Comparative Method
- 2.4 The Ethnographic Method

3. Modes of Enquiry

- 3.1 Theory and Research
- 3.2 Quantitative & Qualitative: Survey & Experimental Research; Qualitative Field Research & Unobtrusive Research- Types, Tools & Techniques
- 3.3 Analysis & Interpretation of data: Quantitative & Qualitative

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