

# VIDYASAGAR UNIVERSITY

## SOCIOLOGY (Honours & General)



**Under Graduate Syllabus**  
**(3 Tier Examination Pattern)**  
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**Midnapore 721 102**  
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**Honours Course in Sociology**  
**(Honours)**

**Part-I**

Paper-I: Introduction to Sociology – 100 Marks  
Paper-II: Western Sociological Thought – 100 Marks

**Part-II**

Paper-III: Sociological Theories – 100 Marks  
Paper-IV: Sociology of India – 100 Marks  
Paper-V: Social and Sociological Thought in India – 100 Marks

**Part-III**

Paper-VI: Social Stratification – 100 Marks  
Paper-VII: Research Methodology and Social Statistics – 100 Marks  
Paper-VIII: Sociology of Gender and Social Issues – 100 Marks

**Sociology (Honours)  
Part-I**

**Paper – I**

**Full Marks - 100**

**(University Examination - 90 and Internal Assessment - 10)**

**Introduction to Sociology**

**100 Lectures**

**Group – A**

**(Full Marks - 50)**

**1. Nature and scope of sociology**

**10 Lectures**

- 1.1. The sociological perspective
- 1.2. Origins and the history of the discipline
- 1.3. Sociology and common sense
- 1.4. Sociology as a science of society

**2. Sociological concepts**

**10 Lectures**

- 2.1. Individual and group
- 2.2. Culture
- 2.3. Socialization
- 2.4. Folkways and mores
- 2.5. Social change

**3. Types of society**

**8 Lectures**

- 3.1. Pre modern and modern society
- 3.2. Hunters and gatherers societies
- 3.3. Pastoral and agrarian society
- 3.4. Advanced industrial societies, developing societies and post-industrial society

**4. Social interaction and everyday life**

**12 Lectures**

- 4.1. The study of everyday life
- 4.2. Non verbal communication
- 4.3. Social rules and talk: face, body and speech in interaction
- 4.4. Interaction in time and space

4.5. Micro sociology and Macro sociology

**5. Theoretical Sociology** **10 Lectures**

5.1. Functionalism: Functional Perspective to the study of society

5.2. Marxism: Conflict perspective to the study of society

5.3. Integrationist Perspective

**Group – B** **(Full Marks - 50)**

**6. Family and Marriage** **10 Lectures**

6.1. Definition of family

6.2. Types of family

6.3. Violence within the families

6.4. Trends of family

6.5. Definition of marriage and types of marriage

**7. Social Control, Deviance and Crime** **18 Lectures**

7.1. Social control: Definition

7.2. Deviance and Crime

7.3. Institutions

**8. Kinship** **10 Lectures**

8.1. Definition

8.2. Terminology of Kinship

8.3. Patterns of kinship

**9. Ethnicity and Race** **10 Lectures**

9.1. Ethnicity, prejudice and discrimination

9.2. Ethnic antagonism

9.3. Ethnicity in the modern world

**10. Social inequality & social movement** **12 Lectures**

10.1. Caste

- 10.2. Class
- 10.3. Tribe
- 10.4. Social movements
- 10.5. Collective action

***Recommended Readings:***

1. Andre Beteille, 2002, *Sociology: Essays in Approach and Method*, Oxford University Press, Chapter – 1.
2. Peter Berger, 1963, *Invitation to Sociology*, Hamondsworth: Penguin, Chapter 1 & 2.
3. Himangshu Ghosh: *Giddens Samajtatwa* (In Bengali)
4. George Ritzer, 2000, *Classical Sociological Theory*; New York: Mc Graw Hill, Chap. 1.
5. Bierstedt, 1974, *The Social Order*, Mc Graw Hill, Part-2 Chap 2,3,4.
6. Ritzer, 2004, *The Mcdonaldisation of Society*, Pine Forge Press, Chap. 1,2.
7. Anthony Giddens, 2010, *Sociology* Polity Press.
8. A.R. Radcliffe Brown, 1976; *Structure and Function in Primitive Society*, Free Press, Chap 9, 10.
9. Tom Bottomore, 1991, *Dictionary of Marxist Thought*, Blackwell Entry on Historical Materialism.
10. Marx and Engels, 1998. *The Communist Manifesto*, Signet Classic.
11. Yogesh Atal : *Sociology*, Pearson.
12. Haralambous & Hallborn : *Introduction of Sociology*, OUP.
13. অনিৰুদ্ধ চক্ৰবৰ্তী ও অন্যান্য : *সাম্প্ৰতিক সমাজতত্ত্ব*, চ্যাটার্জী পাবলিশাৰ্স ।

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**Western Sociological Thought**

**Group – A**

**(Full Marks - 50)**

**1. Historical background of Sociology**

**10 Lectures**

- 1.1. Sociology as a new discipline
- 1.2. Impact of three revolutions - The university revolution, the French revolution and the Industrial revolution.

**2. Auguste Comte**

**10 Lectures**

- 2.1. Intellectual background
- 2.2. Positivism
- 2.3. Hierarchy of sciences
- 2.4. Social statics and social dynamics
- 2.5. Laws of three stages

**3. Herbert Spencer**

**10 Lectures**

- 3.1. Intellectual background
- 3.2. Theory of evolution
- 3.3. Organicist approach
- 3.4. Typologies of societies
- 3.5. Social Darwinism

**4. Emile Durkheim**

**10 Lectures**

- 4.1. Intellectual background
- 4.2. Social fact
- 4.3. The theory of suicide
- 4.4. The division of labour
- 4.5. The theory of religion

**Group – B**

**(Full Marks - 50)**

**5. Karl Marx**

**10 Lectures**

- 5.1. Intellectual background
- 5.2. Dialectical method
- 5.3. Historical materialism
- 5.4. Class and class struggle
- 5.5. The theory of revolution
- 5.6. Base-superstructure relationship

**6. Vilfredo Pareto**

**10 Lectures**

- 6.1 Intellectual background
- 6.2 Logical and non logical action
- 6.3 Residues and derivations
- 6.4 The Lion and the Foxes
- 6.5 The theory of elites and the circulation of elites

**7. Max Weber**

**15 Lectures**

- 7.1 Intellectual background
- 7.2 Ideal types,
- 7.3 Social action
- 7.4 Types of authority
- 7.5 Bureaucracy
- 7.6 Stratification
- 7.7 Protestant Ethic and the spirit of capitalism

**8. George Simmel**

**15 Lectures**

- 8.1 Formal sociology
- 8.2 Individual and society
- 8.3 concept of sociation

***Recommended Readings:***

1. Lewis Coser: *Masters of Sociological Thought*
2. Zeitlin: *Ideology and Development of Sociological Theory*
3. R. Aron: *Main currents in Sociological Thought*
4. Shovanlal Dutta Gupta and Utpal Ghosh - *Marxiyo Samajtatwa* (In Bengali)
5. Santanu Ghosh: *Samajtatwik Chintadhara* (In Bengali)
6. Ashely: *Sociological Theory Classical Statement*, 6<sup>th</sup> ed. Pearson
7. Ritzer: *Classical Sociological Theory*, Tata Mcgrow Hill
8. বেলা দত্তগুপ্ত - অগস্ত্য তু মাক্স

## Part - II

**Paper – III**

**Full Marks - 100**

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### **Sociological Theories**

**Group – A**

**(Full Marks - 50)**

#### **1. Nature and Task of Sociological Theory: 12 Lectures**

- 1.1 Definition
- 1.2 Basic elements or Building Blocks of Sociological Theory
- 1.3 Characteristics of Sociological Theory

#### **2. Functional Theory: 12 Lectures**

- 2.1. General arguments
- 2.2. Basic premises and propositions
- 2.3. Contribution of Talcott Parsons and Merton
- 2.4. Critical Overview

#### **3. Conflict Theory: 12 Lectures**

- 3.1. General arguments
- 3.2. Contributions of Dahrendorf and Coser
- 3.3. Critical Overview

#### **4. Exchange Theory: 12 Lectures**

- 4.1. General arguments
- 4.2. Contributions of Homans
- 4.3. Contributions of Blau
- 4.4. Critical Overview

- 5. Symbolic Interactionism: 10 Lectures**
- 5.1. General Arguments
  - 5.2. Contribution of Mead
  - 5.3. Contribution of Blumer
- 6. Critical Sociology: 10 Lectures**
- 6.1. General Arguments
  - 6.2. Frankfurt School: Contribution of Habermas, Adorno and Marcuse
- 7. Feminist Sociology: 15 Lectures**
- 7.1. General Arguments: Gender, Sex and Public and Private debate
  - 7.2. Stages of development of feminism
  - 7.3. Varieties of Feminist Sociology
- 8. Post - Modern Sociology: 10 Lectures**
- 8.1. General Arguments
  - 8.2. Foucault, Derrida, Jameson and David Harvey
- 9. Ethnomethodology: Garfinkel 5 Lectures**

**Recommended Readings:**

1. G. Ritzer: *Sociological Theory*
2. Wallace and Wolf: *Contemporary Sociological Theory*
3. J. Turner: *The Structure of Sociological Theory*
4. Sobhanlal Dutta Gupta: *Marxism and Post - Marxism*
5. Amal Chattopadhyay: *Adhunikata, Uttar Adhunikata o Ekti Bikalper Anushandhan* (In Bengali)
6. Raman:uj Ganguly: *Sqmaj Tattik Tattwa* (In Bengali)

7. Judge: *Foundation of Classical Sociological Theory* (Person).
8. Adams & Sydie: *Sociological Theory*, Sage .
9. Malcom Water: *Social Theory*.
10. কৃষ্ণদাস চট্টোপাধ্যায় (সম্পাদিত) : *সমাজবিজ্ঞান : তত্ত্বনির্মাণ*, শরৎ বুক হাউস
11. সুদর্শনা সেন ও অনিন্দ্য ভট্টাচার্য্য : *সমকালীন সমাজতত্ত্ব*, পিয়ারসন ।
12. গাঙ্গুলী ও মইনুদ্দিন : *সমসাময়িক সমাজতত্ত্ব*, রীনা বুকস ।
13. বাসবী চক্রবর্তী - *সমাজতাত্ত্বিক তত্ত্ব*, সেতু প্রকাশন
14. চিরঞ্জীব শূর - *ফ্রাঙ্কফুট স্কুল বিশেষ সংখ্যা*: আলোচনা চক্র ।
15. অমল বন্দ্যোপাধ্যায় - *উত্তর আধুনিকতা ও ফরাসী ভাবুক, এবং মুশেয়রা*।

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***Sociology of India***

***Group A***

***(Full Marks - 50)***

- 1. Introduction** **5 Lectures**
  - 1.1 The rise of sociology and anthropology in India
  
- 2. Nature of Indian Unity:** **10 Lectures**
  - 2.1 Unity and diversity
  - 2.2 Sources of diversity
  - 2.3 Social bases of unity
  
- 3. Caste** **15 Lectures**
  - 3.1 Definition and features
  - 3.2 Persistence and change
  - 3.3 Varna and Jati
  - 3.4 Pollution and purity
  - 3.5 Perception of dominant caste and sanskritization
  
- 4. Tribe** **10 Lectures**
  - 4.1 Definition and characteristics
  - 4.2 Major social institutions: Marriage, family and kinship
  - 4.3 Economic organization
  - 4.4 Political organization
  - 4.5 Religion
  
- 5. Class** **10 Lectures**
  - 5.1 Definition and features
  - 5.2 Urban class structure
  - 5.3 Rural class structure

5.4 Social mobility

**Group B**

**(Full Marks - 50)**

- 6. India as an object of knowledge** **15 Lectures**
- 6.1 Introduction.
  - 6.2 The colonial discourse
  - 6.3 The nationalist discourse
  - 6.4 Subaltern critique
- 7. Village** **10 Lectures**
- 7.1 Village solidarity
  - 7.2 Internal regulation
- 8. Power structure** **15 Lectures**
- 8.1 Power elite in rural India
  - 8.2 Panchayat and municipality
  - 8.3 Local bodies and social change
  - 8.4 Relationship between civil society and state in India
- 9. Social change in India** **10 Lectures**
- 9.1 Social change and resistance
  - 9.2 Westernization, modernization and industrialization
  - 9.3 Role of legislation in social change
  - 9.4 Urbanization
- 10. Globalization and its impact on Indian Society** **10 Lectures**
- 10.1 Economy: Agriculture and industry
  - 10.2 Culture
  - 10.3 Policies

**Recommended Readings:**

1. P. Uberoi et. Al. (2007): *Introduction: The Professionalization of Indian Anthropology and Sociology: Peoples, Places and Institutions in Anthropology in the East: Founders of Indian Sociology and Anthropology*, Delhi, Permanent Black, pp. 1-63.
2. A. Beteille (ed.) 1969: *Social Inequality: Selected Readings* Harmondsworth: Penguin Books, Chapter 13.
3. Swapan Kr. Pramanick: *Sociology of G.S. Ghurye*, Rawat Pub. Jaipur.
4. G.S. Ghurye: *Caste and race in India*.
5. M.N. Srinivas (1962): *Caste in Modern India and other Essay* Bombay, Asia Publishing House Ch.3
6. C.Von Furer Haimendorf (1967): “*The position of the Tribal Population in India*” in Philip Mason, *India and Ceylon: Unity and Diversity*, New York, Oxford University Press Ch 9.
7. V. Xaxa (1999): “*The Transformation of Tribes in India: Terms of Discourse*” in *Economic and Political Weekly*, 34(24), pp. 1519-1524.
8. D.N. Dhanagare(1991): *The Model of Agrarian Classes in India* in Dipankar Gupta (ed.): *Social Stratification*, Delhi, Oxford University Press P. 271-275.
9. Mandelbaum: *Society in India* (Ch. 1,3-5,8-12,20,24, 31, 32, 34)
10. Yogendra Singh: *Modernisation of Indian Tradition* (Ch: 4,5,8)
11. Ganguly O Moinuddin: *Shamashamayik Bharatiya Samaj*, PHI Learning Pvt. Ltd. Delhi (In Bengali)
12. S.C. Dube: *Indian Society* (ch. 2, 4)
13. Abhijit Pathak: *Globalization & Modernity: A Reflexive Quest*. Akar Books, New Delhi.
14. অনিরুদ্ধ চক্রবর্তী ও অন্যান্য : *ভারতীয় সমাজ প্রসঙ্গ*, চ্যাটার্জী পাবলিশার্স।
15. কৃষ্ণদাস চট্টোপাধ্যায় (সম্পাদিত) : *ভারতীয় সমাজ : কাঠামো ও প্রবাহ*; চ্যাটার্জী পাবলিশার্স।

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**Social and Sociological Thought in India**

**Group A**

**(Marks-50)**

1. **Development of sociology in India: An overview** **6 Lectures**
2. **Benoy Kumar Sarkar** **10 Lectures**
  - 2.1 Positivism
  - 2.2 Personality
  - 2.3 Progress
  - 2.4 Interpretation of Indian tradition
3. **G.S. Ghurye** **10 Lectures**
  - 3.1 Approach to sociology
  - 3.2 Caste and tribe
  - 3.3 Dynamics of culture and society
  - 3.4 Religion: Hindu & Muslim
4. **D.P. Mukerji** **12 Lectures**
  - 4.1 Personality
  - 4.2 Methodology
  - 4.3 Interpretation of tradition and social change in India
  - 4.4 Middle class in India
5. **N.K. Bose** **12 Lectures**
  - 5.1 Approach to the study of society
  - 5.2 Structure of Hindu society
  - 5.3 Hindu method of tribal absorption

- 6. Rabindranath Tagore** **15 Lectures**
- 6.1 Man, society and personality
  - 6.2 Nationalism & Internationalism
  - 6.3 Education
  - 6.4 Village community
  - 6.5 Co-operative and rural development
- 7. M.K. Gandhi** **15 Lectures**
- 7.1 Critique of Western Industrialism
  - 7.2 Alternative model of development
  - 7.3 Village reconstruction
  - 7.4 Hind swaraj and, village Republic
  - 7.5 Concept of education (*NaiTalim*)
- 8. B.R. Ambedkar** **10 Lectures**
- 8.1 Hinduism and Buddhism
  - 8.2 Critique of Vama/caste based society of India
  - 8.3 Dalits and untouchability in India
  - 8.4 Caste, class and democracy
- 9. Vivekananda** **10 Lectures**
- 9.1 Socialism & Revolution.
  - 9.2 Personality
  - 9.3 Society & Progress
  - 9.4 Exploitation: & Inequality
- 10. Bhupendranath Dutta** **10 Lectures**
- 10.1 Method of Studying Indian Society
  - 10.2 Religion and Society (Relation between Hinduism & Vaisnavism)

**Recommended Readings:**

1. Srinivas and Panini: *Development of Sociology and Social Anthropology in India* in *Sociological Bulletin*, 1977, No:2.
2. Ramkrishna Mukherjee: *Sociology of Indian Sociology*.
3. Bela Dutta Gupta: *Sociology in India*.
4. Benoy Kumar Sarkar: *Villages and Towns as Social Life* (Chapter on Personality & Progress)
5. Swapan Kumar Bhattacharya: *Indian Sociology-The Role of Benoy Kumar Sarkar*.
6. Bholanath Bandopadhyay: *The Political Ideas of Benoy Kumar Sarkar: and "Sociological Thinking of Benoy Kumar Sarkar" in Socialist Perspective*, Vol. 6 No. 4.
7. D.P. Mukerji: *Diversities : Basic Concepts in Sociology*.
8. Surajit Sinha: *Nirmal Kumar Bose* (NBT).
9. Radharaman Chakraborty: "Tagore, Politics and Beyond" in Pantham and Deutsch (eds) *Political Thought in Modern India*.
10. M. K. Gandhi: *Hind Swaraj*.
11. Jayantanuj Bandopadhyay: *Social and Political Thought of Gandhi*.
12. Nirmal Kr. Bose: *Studies in Gandhism*.
13. R.N. Tagore: *Nationalism: Shabhyatar shankat, swadshi samaj, samabaya niti, upekhito palli, bharatbarshe shomobayer boishishto* (Rabindra Rachanabali), (In Bengali).
14. B.R. Ambedkar: *Annihilation of Caste*.
15. W.N. Kabeer - DR. Ambedkar-A critical Study.
16. P. Uberoi et.Al. (2007) *Anthropology in the East: Founders of Indian Sociology & Anthropology*, Permanent Black.

17. কৃষ্ণদাস চট্টোপাধ্যায় ও ভোলানায় বন্দোপাধ্যায় (সম্পাদিত) – ভারতীয় সমাজতাত্ত্বিক চিন্তাধারা, শরৎ বুক হাউস।
18. প্রদীপ সেন, বাংলা ভাষায় সমাজবিদ্যা, চর্যাপদ পাবলিকেশন
19. ভূতনাথ দত্ত – বৈষ্ণব সাহিত্যে সমাজতত্ত্ব
20. ভূতনাথ দত্ত – প্রাচীন ভারতীয় পদ্ধতি (৩য় খণ্ড)
21. সত্যব্রত চক্রবর্তী – ভারতবর্ষ: রাষ্ট্রভাবনা, একুশে

## Part-III

**Paper – VI**

**Full Marks - 100**

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### **Social Stratification**

**Group – A**

**(Full Marks - 50)**

**1. Understanding Social Stratification: Different forms** **10 Lectures**

- 1.1 Natural inequalities and social inequalities
- 1.2 Hierarchy and differences

**2. Approaches to study of social stratification** **15 Lectures**

- 2.1 Functionalist approach
- 2.2 Conflict approach
- 2.3 Weberian approach
- 2.4 Feminist approach

**3. Social inclusion and social exclusion:** **10 Lectures**

- 3.1 Define social exclusion
- 3.2 Forms of social exclusion
- 3.3 Define marginality
- 3.4 Impact of marginality on society
- 3.5 Different programmes of social inclusion
- 3.6 Relation between social inclusion and marginality

**4. Social Mobility** **15 Lectures**

- 4.1 Define social mobility
- 4.2 Different form of social mobility
- 4.3 Relation between social mobility and poverty
- 4.4 Relation between social mobility and education

**5. Social stratification, status and power** **10 Lectures**

- 5.1 Hierarchy of status and power
- 5.2 Caste-class-power
- 5.3 Caste-status-power

**6. Caste system in India** **15 Lectures**

- 6.1 Origin and definition of caste
- 6.2 Features of caste system
- 6.3 Caste and politics
- 6.4 Impact of caste system in contemporary India

**7. Agrarian structure** **10 Lectures**

- 7.1 Agrarian structure in rural India
- 7.2 Jajmani system and modern democracy
- 7.3 Changing pattern of peasantry in contemporary India

**8. Rural political structure** **10 Lectures**

- 8.1 Traditional caste and village panchayat
- 8.2 Panchayati raj before and after 73rd Constitutional Amendment
- 8.3 Panchayati Raj and empowerment of women

**Recommended readings:**

1. A.Beteille (1983) - Introduction in Andre Beteille (ed.): *Equality and Inequality: Theory and Practice* Oxford University Press, Delhi (1-27)
2. D. Gupta (1991) – ‘Hierarchy and Differences’ in Dipankar Gupta (ed.): *Social Stratification* Delhi, Oxford University Press pp 1-27
3. D.V. Gerusky (1994): *Social Stratification*, Boulder: West View Press part, pp.10-34.

4. For Marxist Approach see Part III - pp 65 - 78, 82.
5. For Weberian Approach Part III of the same book pp 112, 113-140, 141-154.
6. For Class See Part I and III of the same book pp 65-78, 82-93.
7. For occupation see Part I & III of the same book pp 65-78, 204-228
8. R. Bendix and M. Lipset (eds.) 1966: *Class, Status and Power: Social Stratification in comparative perspective*, New York: The Free Press (Part –I)
9. A. Philips (Ed.) 1987: *Feminism and Equality* Delhi, Oxford University Press. Introduction.
10. Ram Ahuja. 1993. *Indian Social System*; Jaipur, Rawat Publications
11. A.R. Desai. 1979. *Rural India in Transition*, Bombay, Popular Prakashan
12. S.C. Dube. 1988. *India's changing village: Human Factor in Community Development*, Bombay, Himalayan Publishing House.
13. Dipankar Gupta (Ed.) 2007. *Social Stratification*, New Delhi, Oxford University Press.
14. S.R. Maheswari. 1985. *Rural Development in India*, New Delhi, Sage Publication.
15. কৃষ্ণদাস চট্টোপাধ্যায় (সম্পাদিত) : *ভারতীয় সমাজ : কাঠামো ও প্রবাহ*, চ্যাটার্জী পাবলিকেশন।
16. Tina Uys and Sujata Patis : *Exclusion, Social Capital and citizenship* : Orient Blackswan.

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**Group A**

**(Full Marks - 50)**

**Research Methods and Social Statistics**

**1. Theory and Research**

**12 Lectures**

- 1.1. Concepts, variables and propositions
- 1.2. Hypotheses: definition, types and characteristics of usable hypotheses.
- 1.3. Links between theory and research
- 1.4. Conceptualization and operationalisation
- 1.5. Qualitative and quantitative research

**2. Research Design**

**10 Lectures**

- 2.1 Stages of research
- 2.2 Types, uses and abuses of social research
- 2.3 Major steps of research design
- 2.4 Methodology versus method
- 2.5 Unit of analysis

**3. Research Method**

**16 Lectures**

- 3.1 Survey research: general components; types
- 3.2 Tools and techniques of survey research (Questionnaire and Interview)
- 3.3 Field Research: General components; observation; design, strategies; secondary analysis, participatory rural-urban appraisal.

**4. Sampling**

**12 Lectures**

- 4.1 Definition: universe, population and sampling
- 4.2 Probability and non probability sampling: typology
- 4.3 Importance of sampling in social research

**Group B**

**(Full Marks - 50)**

**5. Statistics**

**5 Lectures**

- 5.1 Definition- Terminology and Typology
- 5.2 Descriptive Inferential Statistics,
- 5.3 Place of Statistics in Social Research

**6. Levels of Measurement**

**5 Lectures**

- 6.1 Nominal, ordinal, interval and ratio
- 6.2 Continuous and discrete variables
- 6.3 Ratio, proportion and percentages
- 6.4 Measurement and statistics

**7. Frequency Distribution**

**10 Lectures**

- 7.1 Grouping of Data
- 7.2 Cumulative frequency
- 7.3 Percentage distribution

**8. Graphic Techniques**

**10 Lectures**

- 8.1 Bar diagram
- 8.2 Pie chart
- 8.3 Frequency polygon and histogram
- 8.4 Ogive
- 8.5 Graphic presentation of measurement

**9. Measurement of Central Tendency**

**10 Lectures**

**10. Measures of Dispersion**

**10 Lectures**

**Recommended Readings:**

- 1. Baker: *Doing social research*
- 2. F.G. Bailey: *Methods of Social Research* (Ch. 1,3)

3. Babbie: *The Practice of Social Research*. (Ch. 2)
4. N.Jayaram: *Sociology: Methods & Theory* (Macmillan)
5. Elifson & others: *Fundamental of Social Statistics* (Ch. 1-8).
6. Blalock: *Social Statistics*
7. Goon and Aich: *Statistics for the Social Science*
8. N.G.Das : *Statistical Method* (Vol. I) Tara Magro hill.
9. অমিত ভৌমিক এবং তপন ভট্টাচার্য: *সামাজিক পরিসংখ্য*, প্রোগ্রেসিভ পাবলিকেশন।
10. কৃষ্ণদাস চট্টোপাধ্যায়, *সামাজিক গবেষণা; পদ্ধতি ও প্রক্রিয়া*, আরামবাগ বুক হাউস।
11. সুব্রত চ্যাটার্জী : *সামাজিক গবেষণা পদ্ধতি*।
12. N.G.Das : *Statistical Methods* (Vol. 1), (2001), Tata Mcgraw Hill
13. Garrett : *Statistics in Educational Researcher*.
14. Byran: *Survey Research* Oup.

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**Group A**

**(Full Marks - 50)**

**Sociology of Gender and social Issues**

1. **Gendering Sociology** **5 Lectures**
2. **Gender as a social construct** **10 Lectures**
  - 2.1 Sex, gender, sexuality
  - 2.2 Production of masculinity and femininity
  - 2.3 Debate on public and private domain
3. **Theories on sexuality and subjectivity** **15 Lectures**
  - 3.1 Liberal theory
  - 3.2 Radical theory
  - 3.3 Psychoanalytic theory
  - 3.4 Post-structuralist theory
4. **Development and Indian Nation State** **10 Lectures**
  - 4.1 Politics, five year plans and reports (towards equality)
  - 4.2 Debate on land rights of women
  - 4.3 Household: production and reproduction
  - 4.4 Labour market: formal and informal sector and the question of gender
5. **Women, employment and global economy** **10 Lectures**
  - 5.1 Women and paid employment: capitalism and patriarchy
  - 5.2 Women as unpaid labour: wages for house-work debate

**Group B**

**(Full Marks – 50)**

6. **Indian Social Issues** **10 Lectures**

- 6.1 Population
- 6.2 Concept & Theories (Malthus & Demographic Transition)
- 6.3 Trends
- 6.4 Policy
- 6.5 Appraisal
  
- 7. Poverty, Unemployment & Illiteracy** **10 Lectures**
  - 7.1 Definition, Causes & Consequences
  
- 8. Ecology & Environment** **10 Lectures**
  - 8.1 Concept
  - 8.2 Sustainability (Conservation, Displacement)
  
- 9. Secularism, Communalism & Regionalism** **10 Lectures**
  - 9.1 Definition
  - 9.2 Causes & Consequences (conception)
  
- 10. Domestic sphere:** **10 Lectures**
  - 10.1 Violence against women & children
  - 10.2 Youth alienation
  - 10.3 Old age problem

### **Recommended Readings:**

1. For gendering sociology see S. Jackson and S.Scott (eds.) 2002. *Gender: A Sociological Reader* London; Routledge. Introduction. For sex, gender and sexuality see Chapters 1, 2 and 4).
2. For Masculinity and Femininity see Andrea Cornwall and Lindisfarne Nancy (1994) 'Dislocating masculinity: Gender, Power and anthropology' in Cornwall and Lindisfarne (eds) *Dislocating Masculinity: Comparative ethnographies*, Routledge: London 2 New York pp 11-47.
3. For gender, class, caste, race see S. Jackson and S.Scott (eds) 2002 *Gender: A sociological Reader*, London: Routledge. Introduction and chapters (7,9,10 and 12)
4. See the same book for power and subordination, Introduction and chapters 22 and 25. For family, work and property rights see chapters 13,15,20,21 & 23.  
And Bina Agarwal 1988 'Who sows? Who reaps? Women and Land Rights in India'*Journal of Peasant Studies* 15(4): 531-81.
5. Leela Dube 1996 "Caste and Women" in M.N. Srinivas (ed.) *Caste: Its twentieth century avatar*, N .Delhi Viking Penguin.
6. Angela Y. Davis 1981 *Women, Race & Class*, Women's Press, chapters (2 and 5)
7. For Resistance and Movements see Deniz Kandiyoti 1991 'Bargaining with patriarchy' in Judith Lorber and Susan A. Farrell (eds.) *The Social Construction of Gender*, New Delhi: Sage Publication pp. 104-118.
8. Chandra Talpade Mohanty, 1991: 'Cartographies of Struggle: Third world women and the politics of Feminism, in Chandra Mohanty and others (Eds.) *Third World Women and the Politics of Feminism*, Bloomington: Indiana University Press.

9. For debate on Public and Private domain.
10. Partha Chatterjee - *Nation and its fragments*, OUP, New Delhi.
11. J. Ghosh, 2009. *Never done and poorly paid: Women's work in Globalising India*, New Delhi: Women Unlimited (For Women employment and global economy).
12. Jane Freedman. 2002. *Feminism*, New Delhi: Viva Books (For Gender and citizenship and women employment [Pg 41-42, 47-53])
13. N. Kabeer. 1995. *Reversed Realities*, London: Verso
14. K.Kapadia (Ed.) 2002. *Violence of development: the politics of Identity, gender and social inequalities in India*: New Delhi: Zubaan
15. N. Menon (Ed.) 1999. *Gender and Politics in India*, New Delhi: Oxford University Press.
16. N.Viswanathan et al. (Eds). 1997. *The Women, Gender and Development Reader*, New Delhi: Zubaan.
17. A.M. Saba: *Writings of A.M. shah*, Orient Blackswan.
18. Sinha & Zakari : *Elements of Demography*
19. Esanul Haque: *Social Demography*
20. Ram Ahuja: *Indian Social Problems*, Rawat Pub.
21. বাসবী চক্রবর্তী (সম্পাদিত) : নারী পৃথিবী, বহুস্বর, উর্মা প্রকাশনী ।
22. রাজ্যস্বী বসু ও বাসবী চক্রবর্তী : প্রসঙ্গ মানবী বিদ্যা, উর্মা প্রকাশনী ।
23. রাজশ্রী বসু : নারীবাদ, পশ্চিমবঙ্গ রাজ্য পুস্তক পর্ষদ ।
24. শেফালী মৈত্র : নারীবাদ ও নৈতিকতা ।
25. বাসবী চক্রবর্তী : সাম্প্রতিক সামাজিক সমস্যা, উর্মা প্রকাশনী ।
26. অনিরুদ্ধ চক্রবর্তী : সামাজিক সমস্যা, চ্যাটার্জী পাবলিকেশন ।

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Paper - I: Introductory Sociology : 100 Marks

**Part - II (Total Marks - 200)**

Paper - II: Sociological Thought : 100 Marks

Paper- III: Society in India : 100 Marks

**Part – III (Total Marks -100)**

Paper - IV: Indian Social Issues : 100 Marks

# Sociology (General)

## Part-I

**Paper - I: Introductory Sociology**

**100 Lectures**

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**Group – A**

**(Full Marks - 50)**

### **1. Nature and scope of Sociology:**

**10 Lectures**

- 1.1. Definition, nature and subject matter of sociology
- 1.2. Scope of sociology
- 1.3. Sociology as a science
- 1.4. Relationship of sociology with other social sciences: Political Science, Economics, Social Anthropology, History and social Psychology.

### **2. Sociological concepts :**

**10 Lectures**

- 2.1 Society as a process and as a structure
- 2.2 Community
- 2.3 Association
- 2.4 Institution
- 2.5 Organization
- 2.6 Culture and Civilization
- 2.7 Folkways and Mores
- 2.8 Customs
- 2.9 Norm and value
- 2.10 Role and status
- 2.11 Social Order

### **3. Personality and Socialization:**

**10 Lectures**

- 3.1 Definition and traits of personality
- 3.2 Relative role of heredity and environment in the development of personality
- 3.3 Meaning and agencies of socialization
- 3.4 Importance of socialization
- 3.5 Process of socialization

3.6 Deprived socialization

**4. Social Groups: 10 Lectures**

- 4.1 Definition and characteristics:
- 4.2 Factors of group life
- 4.3 Importance of social groups
- 4.4 Types of social groups - (a) primary and secondary groups, (b) formal and informal groups, (c) in-group and out-group, (d) Reference group (e) quasi group (f) Organized and unorganized group

**5. Social processes: 10 Lectures**

- 5.1 Social Interaction: Meaning and definition
- 5.2 Nature of social interaction
- 5.3 Forms of social interaction: Cooperation, competition, conflict, accommodation, exchange, assimilation, acculturation.

**Group – B (Full Marks - 50)**

**1. Social Stratification: 10 Lectures**

- 1.1. Meaning and characteristics
- 1.2. Dimensions of stratification
- 1.3. Forms of stratification - (a) Estate (b) class (c) caste (d) slavery (e) status (f) social mobility - horizontal and vertical
- 1.4. Social inequality

**2. Institution: 8 Lectures**

- 2.1 Definition
- 2.2 Interrelationship among educational and religious institutions: familial, economic, political,

**3. Family:** **12 Lectures**

- 3.1 Definition
- 3.2 Forms of family
- 3.3 Structure and functions of family
- 3.4 Types of family
- 3.5 Changing dimension of family pattern
- 3.6 Marriage and kinship in India
- 3.7 Family disorganization

**4. Social Control:** **10 Lectures**

- 4.1 Meaning and nature
- 4.2 Significance of social control
- 4.3 Agencies of Social control: religion, education, law and mass media.
- 4.4 Types of social control: formal and informal
- 4.5 Conformity and deviance

**5. Social Change:** **10 Lectures**

- 5.1 Definition, nature and characteristics
- 5.2 Causes of social change
- 5.3 Sources of social change
- 5.4 Factors of social change
- 5.5 Social change, social evolution and social progress
- 5.6 Concept of cultural lag

**Recommended Readings:**

**References:**

- 1. R. M. MacIver and Page: *Society: An Introductory Analysis*.
- 2. M.Francis Abraham: *Contemporary Sociology*
- 3. P.Gisbert: *Fundamentals of Sociology*
- 4. Peter Worsley: *Introducing Sociology*

5. T.B. Bottomore: *Sociology*
6. Giddens: *Sociology*
7. Alex Inkeles: *What is Sociology ?*
8. G.Rocher: *A general introduction to Sociology*
9. Haralambos and Herald: *Sociology - Themes and perspectives*
10. Yogesh Atal: *Sociology*, Pearson.
11. গাঙ্গুলি ও মইনুদ্দিন : *সমসাময়িক সমাজতত্ত্ব*, রীনা বুকস।
12. পার্থ সারথি দে: *সমাজতত্ত্বের ইতিবৃত্ত*, পিয়ারসন।
13. অনিরুদ্ধ চক্রবর্তী : *সাম্প্রতিক সমাজতত্ত্ব*, চ্যাচার্জী পাবলিকেশন।

## PART-II

Paper-II

Full Marks -100

(University Exam -90 & Internal Assessment -10)

### Sociological Thought

Group A

Full Marks - 50

1. ***Emergence and development of sociology:*** **10 Lectures**
  - 1.1 Historical background of the emergence of sociology as a new discipline.
  - 1.2 Transition from social philosophical thought to sociological thought.
  - 1.3 Development of sociological thought in India - A brief account.
  
2. ***Auguste Comte :*** **20 Lectures**
  - 2.1 Law of three stages
  - 2.2 Positivism
  - 2.3 Hierarchy of sciences
  - 2.4 Social statics and social dynamics
  
3. ***Herbert Spencer:*** **10 Lectures**
  - 3.1 Intellectual background
  - 3.2 Organic analogy
  - 3.3 Theory of social evolution
  - 3.4 Ideas of laissez faire

Group B:

Full Marks – 50 marks

4. ***Emile Durkheim :*** **20 Lectures**
  - 4.1 Intellectual background
  - 4.2 Concept of society as sui generis
  - 4.3 Social fact,
  - 4.4 Division of labour
  - 4.5 Suicide
  - 4.6 Religion

5. **Karl Marx:** **20 Lectures**  
5.1 Intellectual Background  
5.2 Dialectical-historical materialism  
5.3 Class and class struggle  
5.4 Social change
6. **Max Weber:** **20 Lectures**  
6.1 Intellectual background  
6.2 Ideal types  
6.3 Social actions  
6.4 Types of authority :  
6.5 Bureaucracies  
6.6 Protestant ethic and the spirit of capitalism

**Recommended Readings:**

1. Abraham and Morgan - *sociological thought*
2. Lewis A. Coser - *Masters of Sociological Thought*
3. Bela Dutta gupta - *Sociology in India*
4. A. Swingewood - *A Short History of Sociological Thought*
5. George Ritzer - *Classical Sociological Theory*
6. H.E. Barnes - *Introduction to History of Sociology*
7. শান্তনু ঘোষ - *সমাজতাত্ত্বিক চিন্তাধারা*, চ্যাটার্জী পাবলিশার্স।

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Society in India/Indian Society

Group – A

Full Marks – 50

**1. Society in Pre-British India:**

**10 Lectures**

- 1.1. Indian Feudalism
- 1.2. Land ownership pattern
- 1.3. Self sufficient village economy
- 1.4. Jajmani System

**2. Impact of British rule on Indian Society:**

**2.1 Transformation of Indian agriculture:**

**10 Lectures**

- 2.1.1 Introduction of private property
- 2.1.2 New land revenue system
- 2.1.3 Commercialization of agriculture

- 2.2 Breakdowns of traditional Indian villages
- 2.3 Growth of poverty and rural indebtedness
- 2.4 Rise of new social classes (rural and urban)
- 2.5 Decline of town handicrafts and village artisan industries
- 2.6 Westernization

**3. Society in Modern India:**

**10 Lectures**

- 3.1 Unity and diversity in Indian society
- 3.2 Problems of national integration
- 3.3 Impact of west and modernization in India;

**4. Rural development in India:**

**10 Lectures**

- 4.1 Meaning and strategies of rural development
- 4.2 Panchayati raj
- 4.3 Decentralized governance
- 4.4 Role of panchayat in rural development with special reference to west Bengal
- 4.5 Land reform programmes with special reference to west Bengal

- 5. Industrialization and urbanization:** **10 Lectures**  
5.1 Meaning of industrialization  
5.2 Meaning of urbanization  
5.3 Impact of west in industrialization and urbanization  
5.4 Industrialization and urbanization in modern India: their social effects

**Group B**

**(Full Marks - 50)**

- 6. Family:** **10 Lectures**

- 6.1 Family, marriage and kinship patterns in Indian society.  
6.2 Causes and consequences of changing family and marriage pattern in modern India  
6.3 Inter-caste marriage  
6.4 Divorce in marriage

- 7. Caste System:** **10 Lectures**

- 7.1 Meaning and features  
7.2 Changing dimension of caste system  
7.3 Social mobility in the caste system: sanskritization  
7.4 Caste conflict  
7.5 Caste dynamics  
7.6 Caste and class

- 8. Tribe:** **10 Lectures**

- 8.1 Meaning and features  
8.2 Development strategies for their upliftment  
8.3 Reservation policy

- 9. Religion:** **10 Lectures**

- 9.1 Meaning  
9.2 Recent trends in religion: secularization  
9.3 Communalism  
9.4 Religions in India

- 10. Status of women:** **10 Lectures**

- 10.1 Position of women in India

- 10.2 Rights of women
- 10.3 Changing status of women
- 10.4 Role conflict of women/ dual role of working women

**Recommended readings:**

1. Ram Ahuja: *Indian Social System*.
2. A. R. Desai: *Social Background of Indian Nationalism*.
3. A.R. Desai - *Rural sociology in India*
4. M.N. Srinivas: *Social change in India*
5. S.C. Dube: *Indian society*
6. P.C. Deb - *Rural sociology - An introduction*
7. David Mandelbaum – *Society in India*, Popular Prakashan.
8. গাঙ্গুলি ও মইনুদ্দিন – *সমসাময়িক ভারতীয় সমাজ*, PHI.
9. কৃষ্ণদাস চ্যাটার্জী (সম্পাদিত) : *ভারতীয় সমাজ : কাঠামো ও প্রবাহ*, চ্যাটার্জী পাবলিশার্স।
10. অনিরুদ্ধ চৌধুরী – *ভারতীয় সমাজ প্রসঙ্গ*, চ্যাটার্জী পাবলিশার্স।
11. এস. সি. ডুবে – *ভারতীয় সমাজ*, N.B.T.

## PART-III

Paper-IV

Full Marks -100

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### Indian Social Issues

Group A

(Full Marks - 50)

1. **Rural sociology:** **10 Lectures**
  - 1.1 Definition and scope
  - 1.2 Importance and significance of studying Rural Sociology in India.
  
2. **Village Studies:** **10 Lectures**
  - 2.1 Importance and significance of village studies in India
  - 2.2 Village studies: M. N. Srinivas, S. C. Duse, R. K. Mukherjee, Yogesh Atal
  - 2.3 Problems of undertaking village studies in India.
  
3. **Population study:** **10 Lectures**
  - 3.1 Fertility, mortality and migration
  - 3.2 Social and cultural factors affecting fertility in developing countries
  - 3.3 Population explosion: causes and consequences
  - 3.4 Problem of poverty and unemployment
  
4. **Social movements:** **10 Lectures**
  - 4.1 Meaning of social movement.
  - 4.2 Peasant movement
  - 4.3 Dalit movement
  - 4.4 Women's movement

Group B

(Full marks - 50)

5. **Social disorganization:** **10 Lectures**
  - 5.1 Meaning of social disorganization
  - 5.2 Characteristics of social disorganization
  - 5.3 Causes of social disorganization
  - 5.4 Deviant behaviour

- 6. Social problems in India:** **10 Lectures**
- 6.1 Sociological approach to social problems;
  - 6.2 Definition and nature of social problems in India;
  - 6.3 Juvenile delinquency
  - 6.4 Old-age problem
  - 6.5 Drug and addiction
  - 6.6 Illiteracy
- 7. Environmental problem:** **10 Lectures**
- 7.1 Meaning and nature of environment and ecology
  - 7.2 Environment crisis and awareness
  - 7.3 Steps in tackling environmental crisis
  - 7.4 Nature of environmental problem in India
  - 7.5 Environmental movement in India
- 8. Women's problem:** **10 Lectures**
- 8.1 Violence against women
  - 8.2 Dowry
  - 8.3 Divorce

**Recommended readings:**

1. B.K. Nagla: *Indian Sociological Thought*
2. Ram Ahuja : *Social Problems in India*
3. G. Forbes:, *Women in Modem India.*
4. Bela Dutta Gupta: *Contemporary Social Problems in India*
5. G.R. Madan: *Indian Social Problems*, 2 volumes
6. B. Kuppuswami: *Social Change in India*
7. M.S.A. Rao – *Social Movements in India.*
8. Ghanashyam Shah – *Social Movements in India, Sage.*
9. বাসবী চক্রবর্তী – *ভারতীয় সামাজিক সমস্যা*, উর্মি প্রকাশনী।

10. কৃষ্ণদাস চট্টোপাধ্যায় ও ভোলানাথ বন্দ্যোপাধ্যায় (সম্পাদিত)- *ভারতীয় সমাজতাত্ত্বিক চিন্তাধারা*,  
চলভাস্ত্র বুকস।
11. কৃষ্ণদাস চট্টোপাধ্যায় ও অনিরুদ্ধ চৌধুরী (সম্পাদিত) - *ভারতের সামাজিক আন্দোলন*, শরণ বুক  
হাউস।
12. অনিরুদ্ধ চৌধুরী - *ভারতের সামাজিক সমস্যা*, চ্যাটার্জী পাবলিশার্স।