

**New Syllabus introducing from the session 2005 – 06**

**Sociology (General)**

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**Part – I**

<b>Paper</b>	<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Full Marks</b>
Paper – I A	Introduction to Sociology	50
Paper – II A	Indian Society : Structure and Change	50
Paper – III A	Indian Social Issues and Problems	50

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**Part - II**

Paper – I B	Introduction to Sociology	50
Paper – II B	Indian Society : Structure and Change	50
Paper – III B	Social Research Methods	50

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**Part – III**

Paper – IV	Sociological Theory	100
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## Syllabus for B.A. Part – I (General)

Full Marks – 50

### Paper – I A : Introduction to Sociology

1. **Nature of Sociology :**
  - Definition – Nature and Scope, subject matters,
  - Sociology and social sciences : Philosophy, history, political science, social anthropology and economics
  - Sociology as a science
  
2. **Basic Concepts :**
  - Definitions, features and types
  - Society, community, institutions, association, social groups and social structure.
  - Norms and values, status and role, folkways and mores.
  
3. **Culture and society :**
  - Culture, definition and elements
  - Individual and culture
  - Culture and civilization
  - Culture and society
  
4. **Social Process :**
  - Cooperation
  - Competition
  - Conflict
  - Accommodation
  - Assimilation
  - Socialization
  
5. **Social Control :**
  - Meaning, nature and purpose
  - Agencies of social control

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4. Smelser Neil, J. (Ed.) – (1973) Sociology : An Introduction, New York : John Wiley and Sons.
5. Worsley, P. – Introducing Sociology.
6. Giddens Anthony – Sociology
7. Radcliffe Brown, A. R. – (1983) Method in Social Anthropology, Delhi : Hindusthan.
8. Parimal Bhushan Kar – Samajthathwa
9. Khogendranath Sen – Samaj Bigyanen Bhumika
10. Tom Bottomor – Samajbidya – Tathwa O Ruprekha.
11. Anadi Kumar Mahapatra – Bishayi Samajthatwa

## Syllabus for B.A. Part – I (General)

Full Marks – 50

### Paper – II A : Indian Society : Structure and Change

1. **Society and Culture in India : Unity in Diversity**
2. **Society in British India :**
  - Land tenure system
  - Self-sufficient village economy
  - Jajmani System
3. **Impact of British rule on Indian society :**
  - Commercialization of agriculture
  - Growth of rural poverty
  - Rise of new social classes
4. **Basic Social Institutions :**
  - Economic :
  - Land tenure system
  - Land reform programmes (with special reference to West Bengal)
  - Mode of production with changing aspects
  - Agrarian Class and class relations

#### References :

1. Desai, A. R. : - Social Background of Indian Nationalism
2. Desai, A. R. : - Bharatiya Jatiyatabader Samajik Patabhumi
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6. Dube, S. C. : - Bharatiya Samaj
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8. Jayaraman, R. : (1981) Caste and Class : Dynamics of Inequality in Indian Society Delhi, Hindustan Publication Corporation.
9. Maheswari, Shriram : (1985) Rural Development in India, New Delhi, Sage.
10. Vidyarthi, L. P. & Rai : Tribal Culture in India, Concept, New Delhi.
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## **Syllabus for B.A. Part – I (General)**

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### **Part – III A : Indian social Issues and Problem.**

#### **1. Issues :**

- Inequality – Caste and Gender
- Problems of Nation Building : Secularism, Pluralism and communal violence.
- Globalization – Nature and Problem

#### **2. Problems :**

- Nature and definition of social problem
- Poverty – Rural and Urban Areas
- Child Labour
- Problems of Youth
- Old – Age Problem
- Population
- Problem of Mass Illiteracy

#### **Reference :**

1. G. R. Madan – Indian Social Problems, 2 Vols.
2. Ram Ahuja – Social Problems in India
3. Rajendra Pandey – (1995) Social Problems of Contemporary India, New Delhi, Ashish Publication House.
4. V. C. Sinha and E. Zectaria – (1984) Elements of Demography, New Delhi Allied.
5. Asha, A. Bhenda & Tara Kanitkar – (1985) Principles of Population studies, Bombay, Himalayan Publication House.

## Syllabus for B.A. Part – II (General)

Full Marks – 50

### Part – I B : Introduction to Sociology.

1. **Family :**
  - Definition, features
  - Forms
  - Changes in structure and functions
  
2. **Marriage :**
  - Definition
  - As a social institutions
  - Forms
  - Rules
  - Ways of acquiring mates
  
3. **Kinship and Unilineal Descent :**
  - Meaning
  - Type
  - Terminology
  - Importance in understanding society
  - Unilineal descent groups – clan, lineage, phratry, moiety
  
4. **Social Stratification :**
  - Meaning and characteristics
  - Forms of stratification – caste, class, power, gender
  - Social mobility – concept and type
  
5. **Social change, social evolution and social progress :**
  - Meaning – Nature
  - Factors of social change
  - Concept of cultural lag

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8. Sharma, K. L. : (1994) Social stratification and Mobility, Jaipur, Rawat Publication.
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13. Mahapatra, A. K. : Bharitiya Samaj

## Syllabus for B.A. Part – II (General)

Full Marks – 50

### Part – II B : Indian Society : Structure and Change

#### 1. Basic Social Institutions :

##### a) Social :

- Caste - features, hierarchy, changing dimensions
- Rural family – definition, features, functions and changing aspects.

##### b) Political :

- Institutions of Panchyat, Panchayat and rural development (with special reference to West Bengal).
- Traditional village council : caste Panchayat.

#### 2. Tribes in India :

- Definitions, features, distribution.
- Social organization, economic classification
- Problems

#### 3. Social Changes : Role of :

- Industrialization
- Urbanization
- Westernization
- Sanskritization
- Education and social legislations.

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## **Syllabus for B.A. Part – II (General)**

**Full Marks – 50**

### **Part – III B : Social Research Methods**

- 1. Social Research :**
  - Meaning, scope and significance
  - Types : Basic and applied, historical, empirical, description, explanatory, experimental.
- 2. Techniques and Tools of Data Collection :**
  - i. Observation
  - ii. Interview
  - iii. Questionnaire and schedule
- 3. Methods of Data Analysis :**
  - i. Tabulation
  - ii. Graphic representation (Bar, pie-chart, histogram)
  - iii. Report writing

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2. Kothari, C. R. – (1985) *Research Methodology : Methods and techniques*, New Delhi, Wiley Eastern Limited.
3. Mukherjee, P. N. (ed.) – (2000) *Methodology in Social Research, Dilemmas & perspective*, Sage, New Delhi.
4. Young, P. V. – (1966) *Scientific Social Survey and Research* Prentice Hall, New Delhi

## **Syllabus for B.A. Part – III (General)**

**Full Marks – 100**

### **Part – IV : Sociological Theory**

#### **Group – A (Theory)**

**1. Sociology Theory :**

- Meaning, characteristics, types, role of theory in research

**2. Evolution and Neo-evolutionary Theory :**

- Classical – Morgan, Spencer
- Neo-evolutionary- Stewart

**3. Functionalism :**

- Meaning, Premises and propositions
- General Arguments
- Contributions of Malinowski, Radcliffe Brown, T. Parsons and R. Merton.
- Critical overview

**4. Conflict Theory :**

- Meaning, major proposition
- Contributions of Marx, Dahrendorf, Coser
- Critical overview

#### **Group – B (Thought)**

**5. a) Comte :**

- Positivism, The Law of Three Stages of Development, Social Statics and Social Dynamics, Hierarchy of Science.

**b) Durkheim :**

- Methodology, Division of Labour, Suicide, Religion, Social fact.

c) **Marx :**

- Dialectical materialism, Historical materialism, class and class struggle.

d) **Weber :**

- Ideal type, social action, authority, Protestant ethics and capitalism.

6. **Social (Indian) thoughts of :**

- a) Rammohan : Social Reforms
- b) Vidyasagar : Education and Women
- c) R. N. Tagore : Education, Rural reconstruction
- d) Gandhi : Rural Development, Trusteeship

**Reference :**

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2. Barner, H. E. – (1959) Introduction to the History of Sociology
3. Coser, L. A. – (1979) Masters of Sociological Thought
4. Abraham and Morgan – Sociological Thought
5. Ritzer George – 1996 Sociological Theory
6. Santanu Ghosh – Samaj Tathwik Chintadhara
7. Anadi Mahapartra – Samaj Tathmik Chindadhara
8. Zeitlin Irving – Ideology and the development of Sociological Theory
9. Jha, Makhan. – An Introduction to Anthropological Thought.
10. Abraham, Francis – Modern Sociological theory.