

The University of Burdwan
Syllabus for B.A. GENERAL
(1+1+1 Pattern)
in
SOCIOLOGY
with effect from 2005-2006 onwards

PART – I

FIRST PAPER : INTRODUCTORY SOCIOLOGY (100 MARKS)

PART – II:

SECOND PAPER: CLASSICAL SOCIOLOGICAL THOUGHT (100 MARKS)

THIRD PAPER: SOCIETY IN INDIA (100 MARKS)

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FOURTH APPER: SOCIAL PROBLEMS IN INDIA (100 MARKS)

Paper – I

Introductory Sociology (100 Marks)

(No. of Classes: 80)

1. **Introducing Sociology:** What is Sociology? Scope of Sociology; L12
Sociology and other Social Sciences, Sociological Viewpoints:
Functionalist, Conflict, Symbolic, Interactionist
2. Basic Concepts in Sociology: Society and Institutions, Community L12
and Association; Groups and its Forms; Status and Role; Social
Structure. Culture, Culture and Society; Folkways and Mores,
Custom, Norm and Values.
3. Socialization: Meaning and Agencies; Concept of Adult L8
Socialization; Resocialization and Anticipatory Socialization.

4. Social Process: Cooperations; Competition and Conflict; Assimilation & Accommodation. L10
5. Social Stratification: Characteristics and Forms, Social Mobility: Meaning and Forms. L10
6. Social Control: Meaning, Forms and Agencies. L5
7. Gender: Sex vs. Gender; Gender Differences; Gender Socialization. L5
8. Social Change: Concept, Types and Factors, Concept of Social Evolution, Social Progress, Social Development. L10
9. Social Institution – Functions of Family, Education and Religion L8

References:

1. N. J. Smelser – Sociology (Prentice Hall) Chapters 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 9, 13, 15, 16, 21)
2. Anthony Gidens – Sociology (Polity) (Chapters 1, 2, 5, 10)
3. Bottomore – Sociology: A guide to Problems and Literature (Blackie & Sons Ltd.) (Chapters 4, 6, 11)
4. Guy Rocher – A General Introduction to Sociology (Academic Publishers(Chapters 4, 10, 11)
5. এন্টনি গিডলস : সমাজতত্ত্ব ভাষান্তর ; হিমাংশু ঘাষ
6. অনিরুদ্ধ চাঁধুরী, কৃষ্ণদাস চট্টোপাধ্যায় ও শান্তনু ঘাষ: সাম্প্রতিক সমাজতত্ত্ব (চ্যাটাজী পাবলিশার্স)
7. অমলন্দু মুখোপাধ্যায় : প্রসঙ্গ সমাজতত্ত্ব (সেন্ট্রাল বুক পাবলিশার্স)
8. পরিমল ভূষণ কর : সমাজতত্ত্ব (পশ্চিমবঙ্গ রাজ্য পুস্তক পর্ষদ)

PART – II

PAPER-II

CLASSICAL SOCIOLOGICAL THOUGHT (100 Marks)

(No. of Classes: 80)

1. Emergence of Sociology: The Role of Social and Intellectual Forces in the Origin of Sociology. L8
2. August Comte: Positivism, Methods of Sociology, Social Statics L14

- and Social Dynamics, Law of Three Stages, Hierarchy of Science.
3. Karl Marx: Dialectical Method, Historical Materialism, Base and Superstructure, Theory of Class, Alienation, Revolution. L14
 4. Herbert Spencer: Organic Analogy, Society and Social types, Theory of Evolution, Social Darwinism. L14
 5. Emile Durkheim: Rules of Sociological Method and the Theory of Social Fact, Division of Labour & Social Solidarity, Suicide, Religion. L15
 6. Max Weber: Methodology, Social Action, Protestant Ethic and Capitalism, Class, Status and Power, Types of Authority. L80

References:

1. Francs Abraham and John Henry Morgan: Sociological Thought (Macmillan)
2. George Ritzer: Classical Sociological Theory (McGraw Hill)
3. Lewis Coser: Masters of Sociological Thought
4. শান্তনু ঘাষ : সমাজতাত্ত্বিক চিন্তাধারা (প্রথম খণ্ড) চ্যাটার্জী পাবলিশার্স
5. শান্তনুলাল দত্তগুপ্ত ও উৎপল ঘাষ : মার্কসীয় সমাজতত্ত্ব, (পশ্চিমবঙ্গ রাজ্য পুস্তক পর্ষদ, ২০০০)

Paper – III

SOCIETY IN INDIA (100 MARKS)

(No. of Classes: 80)

1. India as a Plural Society: Religious, Linguistic and Cultural Diversity: Unity in Diversity. L10
2. Society and Culture in Pre-British and British India: Land Ownership Pattern and Class Structure in Pre-British India, Concept of Self – Sufficient Village Economy, Impact of British Rule on Indian Society. L15
3. Family, Kinship and Marriage: Forms; Joint Family – Features, Advantages and Disadvantages; Changes in Family and Marriage – Factors Responsible; Changing Position of Women. L12
4. Caste: Varna and Jati; Features of the Caste System: Changes in Caste System; Caste and Class, Caste and Politics. L10

5. Tribes in India: General Features of Tribal Society; Problems in Defining a Tribe in India; Tribe-Caste Continuum; Problems of Indian Tribes. L10
6. Rural Society in India: What is Rural? Determinants of Rural Social Formation: Rural Development and Panchayati Raj in India; Changing Rural Society. L10
7. Urbanization: Patterns of Urbanization; Problems of Urbanization in India. L7
8. Westernization and Modernization: Concept and Process: Impact; Problems of Modernization in India. L6

References:

1. Ram Ahuja: Indian Social System (Rawat), Chapters: 2, 3, 4, 6, 12, 13, 16, 20
2. S. C. Dube : Indian Society (NBT), Chapters: 2, 3, 4, 6
3. Ram Ahuja: Society in India (Rawat), Chapters: 2, 4, 9, 10, 11, 16
4. S. L. Doshi & P. C. Jain: Rural Sociology (Rawat), Chapters: 5, 12, 15, 16
5. A. R. Desai: Social Background of Indian Nationalism (K. P. Bagchi) Chapters: 1, 2, 4, 5, 11) (বঙ্গানুবাদ)
6. অনিরুদ্ধ চৌধুরী : ভারতের সমাজ প্রসঙ্গ (চ্যাটার্জী পাবলিশার্স)
7. অনাদীকুমার মহাপাত্র : ভারতীয় সমাজ

PART- III

Paper – IV

SOCIAL PROBLEMS IN INDIA (100 MARKS)

(No. of Classes: 80)

1. **Poverty:** Concept: Causes and Consequences: Strategies for Alleviating Poverty. L10
2. **Unemployment:** Concept and Types: Causes and Consequences: L10
3. **Population Explosion:** Concept: Causes and Consequences: Population Policy and Family Welfare in India. L10
4. **Secularism, Communalism and Communal Violence:** Concept of Secularism and Communalism, Varieties of Communalism; L10

Problems of Communalism.

5. **Corruption:** Concept, Causes, Social Effects. L5
6. **Drug Addiction:** Concept, Causes, Social Effects. L5
7. **AIDS:** Concept, Causes, Social Effects. L7
8. **Child Abuse and Child Labour:** Types and Causes of Child Abuse. Causes and Consequence of Child Labour, Policy on Child Labour. L15
9. **Women:** Violence against Women; Dowry; Status of Women. L10

References:

1. Ram Ahuja: Indian Social System (Rawat), Chapters: 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 15, 16, 18
2. G. R Madan: Social Problems in India, Vol. I (Allied Publishers).
3. R. Dutta and Sundharam: Indian Economy (Chapters on Poverty, Unemployment)
4. Ram Ahuja: Society in India (Rawat), Chapters: 8, 13
5. Ram Ahuja: Indian Social System (Rawat), Chapters: 5, 10
6. অনাদীকুমার মহাপাত্র : ভারতীয় সমাজ