

SEMESTER - III
PAPER-I: SOCIOLOGY-I

UNIT – I

Introduction to Sociology

Sociology – Definition, nature and scope of sociology, Sociology as a science - Data, concepts and theory, Methods and techniques used in Social Research- Observation, Interview, Questionnaire, and case study. Sociology and other Social Sciences History, Psychology, Economics, Political Science, Sociology as a discipline.

UNIT-II

Basic Concepts in Sociology: - Society, Community, Association and Institutions - Social groups – Typologies – Primary, Secondary, in group, out group, Gemeinschaft and Gesellschafts peer group and reference group. Social structure, Social system, Norms, Values and Customs. Sociological Thinkers. Auguste comte – positivism, Hierarchy of social sciences, social statics, and Dynamics. Emile Durkheim – Division of labour, Religion and society, Theory of suicide. Karl Marx – class struggle, Historical materialism, classless society.

UNIT-III

SOCIAL INSTITUTION: Marriage, Family, and kinship. Religious Institution, Political Institution. Educational Institution, Economics Institution. Social stratification mobility. Forms – caste, class, Gender, Estate. Changes in caste system. Marxian analysis of class. Westernisation and modernisation. Suggested Readings:

UNIT - IV

SOCIAL CHANGE. Causes, theories and factors of social change. Culture – cultural changes. Social progress.

UNIT - V

SOCIAL CONTROL AND LAW. Social disorganisation – causes, consequences. Order and stability, law and society, social problems -crime, unemployment, child labour, prostitution, Alcoholism. Sociology of legal profession- Social audit of Law.

Sugesstions:

1. T.B. Botomore: Sociology, A Guide to Problems and Literature, London Allen and Unwin 1962.
2. Hary M. Johnson: Sociology -A Systematic Instruction
3. Sharma: Sociology
4. Maclver and Page: Sociology
5. Peter Worsley et al: Introducing Sociology, Harmondsworth, Penguin Books