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Syllabus

M.A. in Sociology

(Semester System)

Department of Sociology

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COURSE STRUCTURE

M.A. IN SOCIOLOGY

Semester System

Vidyasagar University

Semester – I		
Paper – I :Soc/1101	:	Classical Sociological Theory
Paper – II :Soc/1102	:	Trends in Marxist Sociology
Paper – III :Soc/1103	:	Modern Sociological Theory
Paper – IV :Soc/1104	:	Advanced Sociological Theory
Semester – II		
Paper – I :Soc/1201	:	Perspectives in Indian Society
Paper – II :Soc/1202	:	Social Change in Modern India
Paper – III :Soc/1203	:	Methods of Social Research
Paper – IV :Soc/1204	:	Social Statistics
Semester – III		
Paper – IX :Soc/2101	:	Industrial and Urban Sociology
Paper – X :Soc/2102	:	Sociology of Gender and Politics
Paper – XI :Soc/2103	:	Rural Sociology and Peasant Movements
Paper – XII :Soc/2104	:	Rural Administration and Rural Development
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Paper – XIV :Soc/2202	:	Sociology of Environment and Demography
Paper – XV :Soc/2203	:	Civil Society and Civic Action
Paper – XVI :Soc/2204	:	Dissertation and Viva-voce

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Full Marks 50
Written 40
Internal Assessment 10
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Semester I

Paper : Soc/1101 : Classical Sociological Theory

Group A (Marks 20 +5) : Durkheim and Weber

1. Emile Durkheim
   a. Division of Labour.
   b. Suicide
   c. Religion
   d. Rules of Sociological Method.
2. Max Weber
   a. History and Sociology
   b. Verstehen
   c. The Ideal Type.
   d. Concept of Action
   e. Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism

Group B (Marks 20+5) Simmel and Pareto

1. George Simmel
   a. Formal Sociology
   b. Individual and Society – Concept of Sociation.
   c. The Philosophy of Money.
2. Vilfredo Pareto
   a. Logical and Non-Logical Action
   b. Residues and Derivations
   c. The Circulation of Elites.

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1. Lewis A. Coser – Masters of Sociological Thought

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2. Raymond Aron – Main Currents is Sociological Thought (Vol. I and II)
3. Alan Swingewood – A Short History of Sociological Thought
4. Randall Collins – Three Sociological Traditions
5. George Ritzer – Sociological Theory
6. George Ritzer – Classical Sociological Theory
7. I. Craib – Classical Sociological Theory
8. R. Fletcher – The Making of Sociology (Vol. I & II)
9. Steven Lukes – Durkheim
10. Frank Parkin – Max Weber.

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Written – 40
Internal Assessment 10
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Semester I

Paper : Soc/1102 **Trends in Marxist Sociology**

Group A (Marks 20+5) : Sociology of Marx

1. a) Class Structure and Class Struggle
   b) Historical Materialism, Base-Superstructure, the notion of Dialectical Materialism
2. Power Structure – the State and Bureaucracy
3. The Concept of Alienation in Marx
4. Marx's Theory of Social Change

Group B (Marks 20+5) Critical Theory

1. Neo-Marxism : Frankfurt School – Origin and Development
2. Critical Theory : Differences with Marxist Approach
3. Critical Theory : Adorno, Marcuse, and Habermas (Public Sphere)
4. Gramsci (Idea of Civil Society)

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1. Jonathan Turner – The Structure of Sociological Theory
2. Ronald Fletcher : The Making of Sociology: A Study of Sociological Theory (Vol. I & II)
3. Anthony Griddens : Capitalism and Modern Social Theory
4. E. Fischer : Marx in His Own Words
5. Bottomore and Rubel (ed.) : Karl Marx: Selected Writings in Sociology and Social Philosophy
6. Bottomore and Croode (ed): Reading in Marxist Sociology
7. Bottomore : Marxist Sociology
8. Bottomore (ed.) : Dictionary of Marxism
9. John Lewis : Marxism of Marx
10. Maurice Dobb : Capitalism, Yesterday and Today
11. G. Thomson : Capitalism and After
12. Franz Mark : Philosophy of World Revolution
13. Alan Swingewood : Marx and Modern Social Theory
14. Bottomore : Sociology and Socialism
15. S. Kaviraj and S. Khilnani (ed.) : Civil Society: History and Possibilities (Chap. 7)
16. Neera Chandhoke : State and Civil Society: Explorations in Political Theory (Chap. 4)
17. Mc Lellan : Thought of Karl Marx
18. Wesolowski : Classes, Strata and Power
19. Laidlu : A History of Socialism
20. Phil Slater : Origin and Significance of the Frankfurt School
21. Andrew Arato and Paul Breines: The Young Lukas and the Origin of Wertern Marxism .
22. Perry Anderson : Considerations of Western Marxism

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23. David Frisby : Frankfurt School
24. Paul Connerton : Critical Sociology
25. George Ritzer : Sociological Theory

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Semester I

Paper : Soc/1103 : Modern Sociological Theory

Group A (Marks 20+5) : Functionalism

1. Modern Sociological Theory: An Introdiction
   a. Definition and Characteristics of Sociological Theory.
   b. Elements of Theory (Building Blocks of Theory).
   c. Social and intellectual forces in the development of Sociological Theory.
   d. Concept of Micro and Macro level theory.
2. Functional Theory
   a. Emergence of Functionalism.
   b. Classical Functionalists – Malinowski, Radcliffe-Brown, Robert K. Merton, Talcott Parsons.
   c. Neo-Functionalism – J. Alexander.

Group B (Marks 20 +5) : Conflict and Exchange Theory

1. Conflict Theory
   a. R. Dahrendorf
   b. L. Coser
   c. Randall Collins

Exchange Theory

   a. Homans.

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b. Claude Levi Strauss (Kinship)

c. Peter Blau

References:

1. Jonathan Turner – The Structure of Sociological Theory
2. George Ritzer – Modern Sociological Theory
3. Randall Collins – Four Sociological Traditions
4. Nicholas Timaschaff – Western Sociological Thought
5. Ronald C. Fletcher – The Making of Sociology (Vol. I & II)
6. M. Waters – Modern Sociological Theory
7. Wallace and Wolf – Sociological Theory
8. Alvin Goulner – Coming Crisis of Western Sociology

Full Marks 50
Written - 40
Internal Assessment – 10
(Group A – 5, Group B- 5)

Semester I

Paper : Soc/1104 **Advanced Sociological Theory**

Group A (Marks 20+5) : **Symbolic Interactionism and Phenomenology**

1. Symbolic Interactionism :
   a) Early Traits
   b) Mead
   c) Blumer
2. Phenomenology and Ethnomethodology :
   a. Alfred Schutz
   b. Peter Berger
   c. Luckmann
   d. Goffman and Garfinkel

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Group B (Marks 20+5)

1. Contemporary Theories of Modernity
    a. Giddens
    b. Beck
    c. Baumann and his idea of Holocaust
2. Feminist Theory
    a. Cultural construction of Gender.
    b. Theories of Gender Differences
    c. Gender Inequality and Gender Oppression
    4. Third Wave Feminism
    5. Genders, Sexuality and Power
3. Post Colonial Theory
    a. Edward W Said
    b. Arjun Appadurai (Local and Global)
    c. Fanon and Subaltern theory

References:

1. Jonathan Turner – The Structure of Sociological Theory
2. Wallace and Wolf – Sociological Theory
3. George Ritzer – Modern Sociological Theory
4. Adams and Sydie – Sociological Theory
5. L. Gandhi – Post colonial Theory
6. Anthony Giddens – The Consequence of Modernity
7. Dipankar Gupta – Mistaken Modernity
8. George Ritzer – Postmodern Social Theory
9. Malcom Waters – Globalization
10. Bart Moore Gilbert – Post-colonial Theory.
11. Berger and Luckmann – Social Construction of Reality.
12. Anthony Giddens – Runaway World.
13. Edward Said – Orientalism.

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Semester II

Paper : Soc/1201 : Perspectives in Indian Society

Group A (Marks 20 +5) : Approaches to the Study of Indian Society-I

a. Indological/Textual approach :G.S.Ghurye, Benoy Sarkar
b. Culturological approach : Dumount
c. Structural Functional approach : M.N.Srinivas

Group B (Marks 20 +5) : Approaches to the Study of Indian Society -II

a. Civilisation approach. : N.K.Bose, Surajit Chandra Sinha.
b. Dialectical – Historical approach : D.P. Mukherjee, Ramkrishna Mukherjee, A.R.Desai
c. Sub-altern approach – : B.R.Ambedkar, Ranajit Guha.

References:

1. D.N. Dharagare – Themes and Perspectives in Indian Society.
2. Ranajit Guha – Sub-altern Studies Vol. I
3. Andre Beteille – Sociology: Essays on Approach and Method
4. T. N. Madan – Pathways: Approaches to the Study of Society in India.
5. Yogendra Singh – Indian Sociology: Social Conditioning and Emerging Trends.
6. Benoy Sarkar – The Positive Background of Hindu Sociology
7. G.S.Ghurye – Caste and Race in India
8. T.K.Oommen and Partha Mukherjee(ed) – Indian Sociology
9. Nirmal Kumar Bose – Culture and Society in India.

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Semester II

Paper : Soc/1202 : Social Change in Modern India

Group A (Marks 20 +5) : Indian Social Structure - I

1. Forms of Social Organization
   a. Village
   b. Rural -Urban Continuum
   c. Religion and Nation.
2. Family, Marriage and Kinship
   a. Kinship System in India: A Comparative Study of the Regional Basis of Kinship in India.
   b. Family: Changing Role and Functions.
   c. Marriage in India: Hindu and Muslim Marriage: Changing Patterns.

Group B (Marks 20 +5) : Indian Social Structure - II

1. Social Stratification
   a. Nature and Forms of Social Inequality
   b. Class Inequality
   c. Social mobility
2. Caste in India
   a. Definition and features and theories of caste : Dumount, Srinivas and Berreman
   b. Sanskritization
   c. Caste and Politics.

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2. Yogendra Singh – Modernization of Indian Traditions
3. S. Pramanick – Sociology of G. S. Ghurye
4. M.N. Srinivas – Caste: Its Twentieth century Avatar
5. C. J. Fuller – Caste Today
6. Kaneha Ilaiah – Why I am not a Hindu
7. Andre Beteille – Inequality and Social change.
8. Berreman – Caste Inequalities and Other Essays.

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Written 40
Internal Assessment 10
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Semester II

Paper : Soc/1203 : Methods of Social Research

Group A (Marks 20 +5) : Methodological Issues

1. Epistemological issues in Sociological Research:
   a. Positivism.
   b. Post-positivism.
   c. Critical theory
2. a) Definition and meaning of Social Research
   b) Fact, concept and theory.
3. Types of Social Research : Pure and Applied

Group B (Marks 20 +5) : Methods of Data Collection and Data Analysis

a. Research Design, Sampling, Measurement and Scaling Techniques.
b. Social Survey : questionnaire, schedule, interview, Focus Group Discussion.
c. Participant Methods, Content Analysis, Documentary Analysis.

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1. Earl Babbie – The Practice of Social Research
2. Goode & Hatt – Methods in Social Research.
3. P. V. Young – Scientific Social Surveys & Research.
4. Ram Ahuja – Research Methodology
5. Giddens – New Rules of Sociological Methods
6. Giddens – In Defence of Sociology
7. Giddens – Positivism and Sociology
8. Institute of Social Research, Frankfurt. Aspects of Sociology

Full Marks 50

Written 40

Internal Assessment 10

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Semester II

Paper : Soc/1204 : Social Statistics

Group A (Marks 20 +5) Statistics and Measurement - I

1. Statistics
   a. Purpose and Limitations
   b. Charts and Diagrams.
   c. Frequency Distributions
2. Measures of Central Tendency and Dispersion:
   a. Mean
   b. Median
   c. Mode
   d. Absolute Measures (Range, Quartile, Deviation, Mean Deviation, Standard Deviation).
   e. Relative Measures (Co-efficient of variation, co-efficient of Quartile Deviation, Co-efficient of Mean Deviation).

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Group B (Marks 20 +5) : Statistics and Measurement - II

1. Correlation
   a. Correlation Co-efficient.
   b. Rank correlation
2. Testing of Hypothesis
   a. Z test
   b. X^2 test
   c. t test

References:

1. Elifson, Runyon, Halder – Fundamental of Social Statistics.
2. B.M.Blalock – Social Statistics
3. N.G.Das – Statistical Methods Vol. 1 &11
4. Garrette – Statistics in Social Psychology.

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Written 40
Internal Assessment 10
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Semester – III

Paper : Soc/2101 : Industrial and Urban Sociology

Group A (Marks 20 + 5) : Industrial Sociology

1. a) Industrialisation. Industrialism and Post-industrial Society
   b) Industrial Organisations : Formal and informal
   c) Bureaucracy
2. a) Industrial Conflict and Conflict Resolution
   b) Trade Union: Nature and Types
   c) Legal aspects of Industrial Relations

Group B (Mark 20 + 5) : Urban Sociology

1. a) Nature and Scope of Urban Sociology

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b) Origin and growth of Cities
c) Urbanism and Urbanisation
d) Types of cities and slums

2. a) Urban Ecology
b) Urban Planning
c) Urban Future

References:

1. Peter Sauanders : Approaches to Urban Sociology
2. C. G. Pickvance : Urban Sociology
3. Paul Hatt and Ricss: Cities and Society
4. M. S. A. Rao : Urban Sociology in India
5. Amatai Etzioni : Modern Organisation
6. Wilbert Moore: Impact of Industry
7. Gisbert : Modern Industrial Sociology
8. Ramaswamy & Ramaswamy: Industry and Labour

Full Marks 50

Written 40

Internal Assessment 10

(Group A – 5, Group B- 5)

Semester III

Paper : Soc/2102 : Sociology of Gender and Polities

Group A (Marks 20 + 5) : Sociology of Gender

1. a) Basic concepts and theories of feminism
b) Gender and development
c) Understanding women's movement in India

2. a) Gender and Work
b) Gender and Violence
c) Gender and Media

Group B (Marks 20 + 5) : Sociology of Politics

1. a) Scope and Development of Political Sociology. Concept of Political Culture, Political Socialisation, Political Participation and Political System.
b) Concept of Power (Marx, Weber and Michels) (Marx -state

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and class, Ideology and struggle. Weber -legitimacy, Michels - party)

c) State and Society: Interaction between Civil Society and State

2. a) Politics in India: Parties, Pressure Groups and Election

b) Sectarian conflict, Ethnic politics; Caste and Religious communalism

c) Secularism and modes of Integration

References:

1. Rehana Ghadially : Women in Indian Society
2. Kamala Basin: Understanding Gender
3. Kamala Basin: Patriarchy
4. Naila Kabeer : Women in Development
5. Paul Brass : Politics in India
6. Paul Brass : Political Sociology
7. E. Nordlinger : Politics and Society
8. Keith : Introduction to Political Sociology

Full Marks 50
Written 40
Internal Assessment 10
(Group A – 5, Group B- 5)

Semester III

Paper : Soc/2103 : Rural Sociology and Peasant Movements

Group A (Marks 20 +5) : Rural Sociology

1. Scope and Subject matter of Rural Sociology
   a. What is Rural Sociology?
   b. Scope and subject matter of Rural Sociology.
   c. Significance of Rural Sociology.
   d. The tools of Rural Sociology.
2. Approaches to the Study of Rural Society
   a. Rural – urban Differences

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b. Rural – urban Continuum

c. Little and Great Tradition.

d. Universalization and Parochialization.

Group B (Marks 20 +5) : Peasant Movements

1. Agrarian unrest and Peasant Movement

   a. Major issues of peasant movement in Pre-British India.

   b. Some Peasant movements on the eve of independence.

   c. Naxalbari Peasant struggle.

   d. Farmer's movement is contemporary India.

   e. Globalization and Indian Peasants: Major issues and challenges.

References:

1. S. L. Doshi and P. C. Jain – Rural Sociology
2. T. K. Oommen – Social structure and Politics
3. Yogendra Singh – Modernization of Indian Tradition
4. K. L. Sharma – Social Stratification and Mobility.
5. A. Beteille – Studies in Agrarian Social Structure
6. A. R. Desai – Rural Sociology in India.
7. A. R. Desai – Peasant struggle in India.

Full Marks 50
Written 40
Internal Assessment 10
Group A – 5, Group B- 5

Semester III

Paper : Soc/2104 : Rural Administration and Rural Development

Group A (Marks 20 +5) : Rural Administration

1. Rural Development and change.

   a. Approaches to the study of Rural Development (Gandhian,

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Marxian and Ecological).

b. Need and importance of Rural Development.

c. NGO and Rural Development.

2. a) Function and Role of Panchayat.

b) Panchayats befor and after 73rd Amendment.

c) Empowerment of People through Panchayat

Group B (Marks 20) : Rural Development

1. Rural Development Programmes in India
   a. CADP
   b. IADP
   c. JRY
2. Major Rural Problems:
   a. Illiteracy
   b. Unemployment and Poverty
   c. Ecological Degradation [Erosion of Common Property Resources (CPR)]

References:

1. S. L. Doshi and P. C. Jain – Rural Sociology
2. R. Desai – Rural Sociology in India
3. S. R. Maheswari – Rural Development in India
4. Rudolph and Rudolph – In Pursuit of Laxmi
5. S. P. Srivastava – The Development Debate
6. M. S. Gore – Social Development : Challenges Inequal and Plural Society
7. George Mathen – Status of Panchayati Raj in India.

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Written – 40
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Semester – IV

Paper : Soc/2201 : Social Change and Globalisation

Group A (Marks 20 + 5) : Theories of Social Change

1. Social Change: Concept and Meaning, Continuity and Change
2. Theories of Change: Historical, Evolutionary, Structural and Cultural, Cyclical
3. Theory of Culture Lag Technological Change
4. Theories of Social Reproduction

Group B (Marks 20 + 5) : Development and Globalisation

1. Progress, Development and Change
2. Modernisation theories and its Critique
3. Dependency and World Systems Theory, Globalization
4. Gender in Development
5. Alternative development, sustainable development, post Development

References:

1. W. Moore : Social Change.
2. S. N. Eisenstadt : Modernisation, Protest and change.
3. Ankei Hoogveldt : Globalisation and Social Change in Developing Counties
4. M. Rahnema and Bawstree (ed) : The Post-Development Reader
5. Charles L. Harper : Exploring Social Change
6. H. Strasser and S. Randall : An Introduction to Theories of Social Change
7. Yogendra Singh : Modernisation of Indian Tradition

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8. Gilbert Moore and Robert Cook : Social Change
9. Raymond William : Culture
10. M. N. Srinivas : Social Change in Modern India
11. H. Bhaba : The Location of Culture
12. L. Grossbery, C. Nelson and P. Terichler : Cultural studies
13. G. Ritzer : Modern Sociological Theory
14. I. Wallerstein : Modern World System
15. A. D. Smith : Concept of Social Change

Full Marks – 50
Written – 40, Internal Assessment – 10
(Group A - 5, Group B - 5)

Semester – IV

Paper : Soc/2202 : Sociology of Environment and Demography

Group A (Marks 20 + 5) : Environment and Society

1. Concern for Environment - Depletion of Natural Resources (Club of Rome Report, Brundtland Report, Agenda 21, Kyoto Protocol)
2. Environmentalism or Sociology of the Environment
3. Ecofeminism
4. Environmental Movements or Managing the Commons
5. Sustainable Development

Group B (Marks 20 + 5) : Population and Society

1. Demographic Transition.
2. Structure of the Population: Age, Sex, Fertility Mortality, Migration
3. Sex Selection and Male Preference of Children, Female Foeticide
4. Female Headed Households, Distribution of Resources to Women within the Household

References:

1. Ramchandra Guha : Social Ecology

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2. Ramchandra Guha : Environmentalism: A Global History
3. A. S. N. Power and Patil (ed.): Sociology of Environment
4. V. Shiva et.al. : Ecology and Politics of Survival
5. Maria Miles and V. Shiva : Ecofeminism
6. V. Shiva : Staying Alive: Women Ecology and Survival in India
7. Ramchandra Guha : Ecology and Equity
8. Gulati : Fertility in India
9. Asha A Bhende and Tara Kamitkar: Principles of Population Studies
10. Chandey : Population Policy in India
11. Premi and Ramanamma : An Introduction to Social Demography
12. Arun Kumar : Population Theories and Politics
13. P. C. Sinha : Population Explosion

Full Marks – 50

Written – 40, Internal Assessment – 10

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Semester – IV

Paper : Soc/2203 : Civil Society and Civic Action

Group A (Marks 20 + 5) : Civil Society

1. Civil Society and Social Reconstruction
2. Concept of Human Development
   a) Human Development Index
   b) Capability Approach of Amartya Sen
3. Gender in Development

Group B (Marks 20 + 5) : Civic Action

1. NGO/Voluntary Organisation and Voluntary Action:
   a) Conceptual Framework and History of Voluntary Action in India
   b) Types of NGO/Voluntary Organisations
2. Mobilisation of the Marginalised and the concept of Social Capital

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a) Concept of marginalization
b) Empowerment: Poor, Women, Monorities
c) Social Capital

References:

1. Riddell Robinson : Non-Governmental Organisation and Rural Poverty Alleviation
2. S. N. Pawar, J.B. Ambedkar and D. Shrikant : NGO's and Development- The Indian Scenario
3. Puran Chandra : NGO's in India -Roles, Guidelines and Performances Appraisal
4. Debal K. Singha Roy (ed.) : Social Development and the Empowerment of Marginalised Groups
5. S. Kaviraj and S. Khilnani (eds.) : Civil Society: History and Possibilities
6. Neera Chandhoke : State and Civil Society: Explorations in Political Theory
7. Mahbub-ul-Haq : Dimensions of Human Development,
8. Amartya Sen : Development as Freedom
9. Martha Nussbaum : Women and Human Development: The Capabilities Approach
10. Bina Agarwal, et.al : Capabilities, Freedom and Equity

Full Marks – 50

Dissertation (Thesis – 30, Viva Voce- 20)

Semester – IV

Paper : Soc/2214: Dissertation and Viva Voce

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