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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

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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 disciplined
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

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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

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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. অনিরুদ্ধ চক্রবর্তী ও অন্যান্য : *সাম্প্রতিক সমাজতত্ত্ব*, চ্যাটার্জী পাবলিশার্স ।

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Paper – II **Full Marks - 100**

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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

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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

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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 andUtpal Ghosh - *Marxiyo Samajtatwa* (In Bengali)
5. Santanu Ghosh: *Samajtatwik Chintadhara* (In Bengali)
6. Ashely: *Sociological Theory Classical Statement,* 6th ed. Pearson
7. Ritzer: *Classical Sociological* Theory,Tata Mcgrow Hill
8. বেলা দত্তগুপ্ত - অগস্ত্য তু মাক্স

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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

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Group** – B* ***(Full Marks - 50)

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)

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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 - *ফ্রাঙ্কফুর্ট স্কুল বিশেষ সংখ্যা*: আলোচনা চক্র।
15. অমল বন্দ্যোপাধ্যায় – *উত্তর আধুনিকতা ও ফরাসী ভাবুক, এবং মুশেয়রা*।

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Paper – IV **Full Marks - 100**

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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

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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

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1. P. Uberoi et. AI. (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 Modem 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*; চাট্যার্জী পাবলিশার্স।

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Paper – V **Full Marks – 100**

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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

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Group B ***(Marks - 50)***

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)

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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 Modem 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.

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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 সমাজত্ত্ব*

20. ভূতনাথ দত্ত – *প্রাচীন ভারতীয় পদ্ধতি(৩য় খণ্ড)*

21. সত্যব্রত চক্রবর্তী – *ভারতবর্ষ : রাষ্টভাবনা, একুশে*

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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

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Group** – B* ***(Full Marks - 50)

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
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Paper – VII **Full Marks - 100**

(University Examination - 90 and Internal Assessment - 10)

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

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Group B ***(Full Marks - 50)***

5. Statistics **5 Lectures**

5.1 Definition- Terminology arid 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, propitiation 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**

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10. কৃষ্ণদাস চট্টোপাধ্যায়, *সামাজিক গবেষণা; পদ্ধতি ও প্রক্রিয়া*, আরামবাগ বুক হাউস।
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Paper – VIII **Full Marks - 100**

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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**

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6.1 Population
6.2 Concept & Theories (Malths & 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 aleniation
10.3 Old age problem

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22. রাজ্যস্বী বসু ও বাসবী চক্রবর্তী : প্রসঙ্গ মানবী বিদ্যা, উর্মী প্রকাশনী।
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26. অনিরুদ্ধ চক্রবর্তী : সামাজিক সমস্যা, চ্যাটার্জ্জী পাবলিকেশন।

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SOCIOLOGY (General)

Total Marks: 400

Part - I (Total Marks - 100)

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

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Sociology (General)

Part-I

Paper - I: Introductory Sociology ***100 Lectures***

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

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

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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,

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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:

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2. M.Francis Abraham: *Contemporary Sociology*
3. P.Gisbert: *Fundamentals of Sociology*
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12. পার্থ সারথি দে: *সমাজতত্ত্বের ইতিবৃত্ত*, পিয়ারসন।
13. অনিরুদ্ধ চক্রবর্তী : *সাম্প্রতিক সমাজতত্ত্ব*, চ্যাচার্জ্জী পাবলিকেশন ।

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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

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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:

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Paper – III **Full Marks - 100**

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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

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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 modem 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

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

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PART-III

Paper-IV **Full Marks -100**

(University Examination - 90 & Internal Assessment - 10)

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

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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

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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*, ঊর্মি প্রকাশনী।

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10. কৃষ্ণদাস চট্টোপাধ্যায় ও ভোলানাথ বন্দ্যোপাধ্যায় (সম্পাদিত)- *ভারতীয় সমাজতাত্ত্বিক চিন্তাধারা*, চলভাষ্ত বুকস।

11. কৃষ্ণদাস চট্টোপাধ্যায় ও অনিরুদ্ধ চৌধুরী (সম্পাদিত) – *ভারতের সামাজিক আন্দোলন*, শরৎ বুক হাউস।

12. অনিরুদ্ধ চৌধুরী – *ভারতের সামাজিক সমস্যা*, চ্যাটার্জী পাবলিশার্স।

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