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## SOCIOLOGY SYLLABUS (MAINS)

### PAPER I - FUNDAMENTALS OF SOCIOLOGY

#### TOPICS BOOKS

#### REFERENCE

#### 1. Sociology - The Discipline:

(a) Modernity and social changes in Europe and emergence of sociology.

- ESO – 13 (IGNOU, B.A)

(b) Scope of the subject and comparison with other social sciences.

- Sociology : T B Bottomore

(c) Sociology and common sense.

- Sociology : Anthony Giddens

#### 2. Sociology as Science:

(a) Science, scientific method and critique.

- Sociology : Anthony Giddens

(b) Major theoretical strands of research methodology. - Sociology : Anthony Giddens

(c) Positivism and its critique.

- Sociology by Haralambos and Holborn

(d) Fact value and objectivity.

- MSO – 002 ( IGNOU , MA )

(e) Non- positivist methodologies.

- Sociology by Haralambos and Holborn

#### 3. Research Methods and Analysis:

– MSO – 002 ( IGNOU , MA )

(a) Qualitative and quantitative methods.

(b) Techniques of data collection.

(c) Variables, sampling, hypothesis, reliability and validity.

#### 4. Sociological Thinkers:

– ESO – 13 (IGNOU, B.A ) , Sociological Thinkers : R K Mukherjee

(a) Karl Marx- Historical materialism, mode of production, alienation, class struggle.

(b) Emile Durkheim- Division of labour, social fact, suicide, religion and society.

(c) Max Weber- Social action, ideal types, authority, bureaucracy, protestant ethic and the spirit of capitalism.

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(d) Talcolt Parsons- Social system, pattern variables.

(e) Robert K. Merton- Latent and manifest functions, conformity and deviance, reference groups

(f) Mead - Self and identity.

## 5. Stratification and Mobility:

- Sociology by  
Haralambos and  
Holborn ( a ,b, c )

(a) Concepts- equality, inequality, hierarchy, exclusion, poverty and deprivation

(b) Theories of social stratification- Structural functionalist theory, Marxist theory, Weberian theory.

(c) Dimensions – Social stratification of class, status groups, gender, ethnicity and race.

(d) Social mobility- open and closed systems, types of mobility, sources and causes of mobility. – ESO: 14 (IGNOU)

## 6. Works and Economic Life: - Sociology by Haralambos and Holborn

(a) Social organization of work in different types of society- slave society, feudal society, industrial

/capitalist society.

(b) Formal and informal organization of work

(c) Labour and society.

## 7. Politics and Society: - Sociology by Haralambos and Holborn

(a) Sociological theories of power

(b) Power elite, bureaucracy, pressure groups, and political parties.

(c) Nation, state, citizenship, democracy, civil society, ideology.

Political Theory- O P Gauba (c,d)

(d) Protest, agitation, social movements, collective action, revolution.

## 8. Religion and Society: -- Sociology by Haralambos and Holborn

(a) Sociological theories of religion.

(b) Types of religious practices: animism, monism, pluralism, sects, cults.

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(c) Religion in modern society: religion and science, secularization, religious revivalism, fundamentalism.

## **9. Systems of Kinship: - Sociology by Haralambos and Holborn**

- (a) Family, household, marriage.
- (b) Types and forms of family.
- (c) Lineage and descent
- (d) Patriarchy and sexual division of labour
- (e) Contemporary trends.

## **10. Social Change in Modern Society: - Sociology by Haralambos and Holborn**

- (a) Sociological theories of social change.
- (b) Development and dependency.
- (c) Agents of social change.
- (d) Education and social change.
- (e) Science, technology and social change.

## **PAPER – II**

### **INDIAN SOCIETY: STRUCTURE AND CHANGE**

#### **A. Introducing Indian Society:**

##### **(i) Perspectives on the study of Indian society :**

**-Indian Sociological Thought. from B. K. Nagla**

- (a) Indology (GS. Ghurye).
- (b) Structural functionalism (M N Srinivas).
- (c) Marxist sociology ( A R Desai).

##### **(ii) Impact of colonial rule on Indian society :**

- (a) Social background of Indian nationalism.

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-Social Background of Indian Nationalism : A R Desai

(b) Modernization of Indian tradition.

- Modernization of Indian tradition - Yogendra Singh

(c) Protests and movements during the colonial period.

-Protests and movements during the colonial period – A R Desai

(d) Social reforms

- Modern History – B L Grover

## **B. Social Structure:**

### **(i) Rural and Agrarian Social Structure:**

(a) The idea of Indian village and village studies

- IGNOU , MSO – 004

(b) Agrarian social structure - evolution of land tenure system, land reforms.

- Rural Sociology – Doshi & Jain

### **(ii) Caste System:**

(a) Perspectives on the study of caste systems: GS Ghurye, M N Srinivas, Louis Dumont, Andre

Beteille. – Indian Sociological Thought. from B. K. Nagla

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(b) Features of caste system.

(c) Untouchability - forms and perspectives

### **(iii) Tribal communities in India: - Indian Society & Culture – Nadeem Husnain**

(a) Definitional problems.

(b) Geographical spread.

(c) Colonial policies and tribes.

(d) Issues of integration and autonomy.

### **(iv) Social Classes in India:**

- IGNOU , MSO – 004

(a) Agrarian class structure.

(b) Industrial class structure.

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(c) Middle classes in India.

## (v) Systems of Kinship in India:

- [IGNOU , MSO – 004 , Family , Marriage and Kinship in India by Patricia Oberoi](#)

- (a) Lineage and descent in India.
- (b) Types of kinship systems.
- (c) Family and marriage in India.
- (d) Household dimensions of the family.
- (e) Patriarchy, entitlements and sexual division of labour.

## (vi) Religion and Society: - [Indian Society & Culture – Nadeem Husnain](#)

- (a) Religious communities in India.
- (b) Problems of religious minorities.

## C. Social Changes in India:

### (i) Visions of Social Change in India:

- (a) Idea of development planning and mixed economy.
  - [Contemporary India – Neera Chandhoke](#)
- (b) Constitution, law and social change. - [Social Change in India – Yogendra Singh](#)
- (c) Education and social change. - [IGNOU , ESO – 14](#)

### (ii) Rural and Agrarian transformation in India:

(a) Programmes of rural development, Community Development Programme, cooperatives, poverty alleviation schemes. - [Rural Sociology – Doshi & Jain](#)

(b) Green revolution and social change.

[Social inequalities in India – K L Sharma](#)

- (c) Changing modes of production in Indian agriculture .
- (d) Problems of rural labour, bondage, migration. [IGNOU , MSO – 14](#)

### (iii) Industrialization and Urbanisation in India: [IGNOU , MSO – 14](#)

(a) Evolution of modern industry in India.

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(b) Growth of urban settlements in India.

(c) Working class: structure, growth, class mobilization.

(d) Informal sector, child labour [Child Labour – Beena Das](#)

(e) Slums and deprivation in urban areas. [IGNOU – Urban Sociology](#)

**(iv) Politics and Society:** [Politics in India - Paul R Brass](#)

(a) Nation, democracy and citizenship.

(b) Political parties, pressure groups , social and political elite.

(c) Regionalism and decentralization of power.

(d) Secularization

**(v) Social Movements in Modern India:**

[-Social Movements In India by Ghanshyam Shah](#)

(a) Peasants and farmers movements.

(b) Women's movement.

(c) Backward classes & Dalit movement.

(d) Environmental movements.

(e) Ethnicity and Identity movements.

**(vi) Population Dynamics:** - [Social Demography : Asha Bhede & Kanitkar](#)

(a) Population size, growth, composition and distribution.

(b) Components of population growth: birth, death, migration.

(c) Population policy and family planning.

(d) Emerging issues: ageing, sex ratios, child and infant mortality, reproductive health.-  
[IGNOU \(ESO – 16 \)](#)

**(vii) Challenges of Social Transformation:**

(a) Crisis of development: displacement, environmental problems and sustainability.

(b) Poverty, deprivation and inequalities.

[Contemporary India - Neera Chandhoke](#)

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- (c) Violence against women. [Women in India – Neera Desai](#)
- (d) Caste conflicts. [Politics in India : Sudipta Kaviraj](#)
- (e) Ethnic conflicts, communalism, religious revivalism. [IGNOU \(ESO – 16 \)](#)
- (f) Illiteracy and disparities in education. [IGNOU \(ESO – 16 \)](#)

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