

M.A IN SOCIOLOGY
I YEAR : Paper I : Classical Sociology

- 1. The Origin of Sociology**
 - a) The transition from social Philosophy to sociology
 - b) The Contributions of Montesquieu and Comte
- 2. Herbert Spencer**
 - a) Super – organic Evolution
 - b) Organismic conception of Society
 - c) Classification of Societies
- 3. Emile Durkheim**
 - a) Social facts
 - b) Collective representations
 - c) Mechanical and organic solidarity
 - d) Sociological theory of Suicide
 - e) Religion and society
- 4. Max Weber**
 - a) Social action and its types
 - b) Social relationship
 - c) Ideal types
 - d) Authority and its types
 - e) Religion and Economy
- 5. Karl Marx**
 - a) Laws of dialectics
 - b) Materialist interpretation of history
 - c) Typology of societies
 - d) Class struggle
 - e) Alienation
- 6. Vilfredo Pareto**
 - a) Logico – experimental method
 - b) Logical and non – Logical actions
 - c) Residues and derivations
 - d) Circulation of elites
- 7. Ferdinand Tonnies : Gemeinschaft and gesellschaft**
- 8. George Simmel : Formal Sociology**
- 9. Pitrim Sorokin : Integralist Sociology**

Reading List :

1. Harry Elmer Barnes (ed) : An Introduction to the History of Sociology (Chicago : The University of Chicago Press, 1948)
2. Robert Alun Jones : Emile Durkheim (Beverly Hills : Sage, 1986)
3. Max Weber : The Theory of Social and Economic Organisation (New York : Free Press 1941)
4. T.B.Bottomore and M.Ruble : Karl Marx – selected writings in Sociology and Social Philosophy (Penguin Books, 1963).
5. S.E.Finer (ed) : Vilfredo Pareto – Sociological writings (Oxford : Basil Blackwell. 1966)
6. Raymond Aron : Main Currents in Sociological Thought (2 Vols) (Penguin Books 1965)
7. Lewis A.Coser : Masters of Sociological Thought (New York : Harcourt Brace Jovanovich :1971)
8. Ronald Fletsher : The Making of Sociology (2 Vols) (London : Michael Joseph, 1971)
9. Daniel W.Rossides : The History and Nature of Sociological Theory (Boston : Houghton Milfirm, 1978)
10. Francis Abraham and John Henry Morgan : Sociological Thought (Delhi : Macmillan Indian, 1985)

Paper II : Structure and Change In Indian Society

1. The emergence of Indology and Orientalism – The Orientalist view of Indian Society – Some major contributors.
2. The British administrative reports in India : Census as a major data base on India and its implications, especially on the caste hierarchy : Village structure.
3. Western theories on Indian Society – Contributions of Marx, Maine, Metcalfe, Baden – Powell, Max Weber and others.
4. From ‘Book View’ to ‘field view’ : The emergence and importance of the field view – as influenced by the British school of Social anthropology – especially the field work – tradition of M.N.Srinivas and others: Contributions of

Dumont and others in reviving interest in the Indological tradition/culturological perspective.

5. Social change in India – Village, Jati and family as changing institutions.

- a) From caste to class society : Contributions of Bailey, Beteille and others.
- b) From tradition to modernity : Contributions of Singer and Yogendra Singh.
- c) Sanskritization and Westernization – M.N.Srinivas.
- d) The merits and limitations of modernization as an explanatory model.
- e) Marxist approaches to the study of social change in India. Contributions of D.P.Mukharji, Rama Krishna Mukherjee and A.R.Desai.

Towards a sociology for India : the ongoing debate.

Reading List:

- 1.Yogendra Singh : Modernization of Indian Tradition (Delhi : Thomson 1973)
- 2.Yogendra Singh : Indian Sociology : Social conditioning and Emerging respectives : Delhi
- 3.Louis Dumont : Homo Hierachicus (Delhi, Vikas, 1970)
- 4.Louis Dumont : Religion, Politics and History in India (The Hague Mouton, 1970)
- 5.Milton Singer and Bernard S. Cohn (ed) : Structure and change in Indian Society (Chicago : Aldine, 1968)
- 6.Ramakrishna Mukherjee : Sociology of Indian Sociology (Delhi : Allied, 1979)
- 7.T.K.Oommen and Partha N. Mukherji (ed) : Indian Sociology Reflections and Introspections (Bombay : Popular, 1986)
- 8.M.N.Srinivas : Social change in Modern India (New Delhi : Orient Longman 1972)

- 9.F.G.Ralley : Caste and the Economic Frontier (Manchester : The English Language Book Society and Manchester University Press 1972)
- 10.T.K.N. Unnithan and others (ed) : Towards a Sociology of Culture in India (Delhi : Prentice – Hall of India 1965)

Paper III : Rural Society In India

1. Historical development of village community in India : Importance of its study.
2. Social organization of the Indian village : caste system – its features and processes.
3. Social organization of the Indian village : Caste system – its features and processes.
4. Economic organization : Land tenure system in retrospect : economic inter dependence: Jaimani system, impact of commercialization of agriculture and new economic opportunities.
5. Rural education : nature and content : historical account of education, problems and prospects of rural education.
6. Indian rural society in transition : an appraisal of the impact of urbanization, Industrialization, education, Modernization and economic development.

Reading List :

1. A.R.Desai (ed) : Rural sociology in India (Bombay : Popular Prakashan, 1969)
2. A.R.Desai : Rural India in Transition (Bombay : Popular Prakashan, 1972)
3. M.N.Srinivas (ed) : India's Villages (Bombay : Asia publishing House, 1960)
4. A.Beteille : Cast, Class and Power (Bombay : Oxford University Press, 1966).
5. T.S.Epstein : South India – Yesterday Today and Tomorrow (London : Macmillan, 1978).
6. T.S.Epstein : Economic Development and Social change in South India (Manchester : Manchester University Press, 1973)
7. Yogesh Atal : The Changing Frontiers of Cast (Delhi : National Publishing House, 1968)

8. M.S.A.Rao : Urbanization and Social Change (Delhi : Orient Longmans, 1970)
9. H.D.Lakshminarayana : Democracy in Rural India, (Delhi : National 1980).
- 10.T.K.Oommen : Social Transformation in Rural India (New Delhi : Vikas, 1984.

Paper – IV : Sociology in Minorities

1. Introduction
 - a) Sociological approach to the study of minorities
 - b) Nature and meaning of minorities
 - c) The basis of minority – race, religion, language, numerical strength etc.,
2. The nature of minority problems in the U.S.A., the Soviet, Union, Japan and South & East Africa
3. Minority groups in India
 - a) Problems of identification – religion and language
 - b) Historical and Sociological background of the problem.
4. Constitutional provisions and the protection of minority groups : General and specific provisions to Problems in identifying ‘Minorities’.
5. Minorities in India
 - a) Muslims – their historical background, Social – Cultural Values, education economic status and their political participation.
 - b) Christians – Population, Cultural identity of Indian Christian – Contribution to education – economic change: education, employment – economic and social problems.
 - c) Anglo – Indians their problems of identity : their social and economic change : education, employment and political participation.
 - d) Parses – Origin and migration : their historical development, their contributions to education and economic development.
6. United Nations and protection of minorities.
7. Minorities and national integration in India.

Reading List :

1. Michel Banton : Racial Theories (Cambridge : Cambridge University Press, 1987)
2. R.A.Achermerhorn : Ethnic plurality in India (Tucson, Arizona : University of Arizona Press, 1978)
3. Zafer Tmam (ed) : Muslims in India (New Delhi : Orient Longman).
4. Ratna Naidu : The Communal Edge to Plural Societies (New Delhi : Vikas, 1980).
5. Noel P Gist & R.D.Wright : Marginality and Identity (Anglo Indians as a Socially – Mixed Minority in India) (Leidan E.J.Brill, 1973).
6. E.Kulke : The Parseas in India (New Delhi : Vikas 1978).
7. K.K.Wadhwa : minority safeguards in India (Delhi: Tamson, 1975).
8. Asghar Ali Engineer (Ed) : Ethnic Conflict in South Asia (Delhi : Ajanta, 1987).
9. Urmil Phadnis : Ethnicity and Nation – Building in South Asia (New Delhi and Sage 1990).

Paper – V : Sociology of Women

1. Sociology of Women/gender

- a) Gender as central paradigm for a complete understanding of social reality
- b) Towards an inter disciplinary approach : History, Political economy, psychology, population and geography.

2. An overview of the status of women in India

- a) Historical and contemporary views : demographic economic socio – cultural and political aspects in pre – and post – independence decades.
- b) Social reforms and Movements for the uplift of women in 19th and 20th century.
- c) Women in various cultures.

3. Women and Society : Cultural perceptions

- a) Women in the family, norms and values, family organization.
- b) Women's lives within the family structure
- c) Women's rules and status : pattern of authority and intra household relations.
- d) Socialization of women through the life cycle.

4. Women's Role in the economy

- a) Sexual division of labour

- b) Definitions of women's work
- c) Women in work situations agriculture farming and non – forming activities.
- d) Women in industry
- e) Women in professions

5. Women and Law

- a) Access, control and transmission of property legal dimensions
- b) Women and Marriage

6. Women's organization

Feminism and social consciousness – issues and prospectus

7. Women and development

Effects of modernization – Urbanisation, Education Legislation

8. Problems specifically related to women :

- a) Dowry
- b) Work
- c) Property
- d) Aging
- e) Destination

Reading List :

1. Neera Desai & Maithrey Krishnaraj : Women and Society in India (Delhi : Ajantha, 1987)
2. Neera Desai & Vibhuti Patel : Indian Women (Bombay : Popular Prakashan 1985)
3. Leela Dube, Eleanor Leacock, Shirley Ardener (ed) : Visibility and power : Essays on Women in Society and development (Delhi : Oxford University Press, 1986)
4. Devaki Jain and Nirmala Banerjee (ed) : Tyranny of the Household – Investigative Essays on Women's in Work (New Delhi: Sage 1986)
5. Andrea Menefee – Singhetal : (ed) : Invisible Hands (New Delhi : Sage 1986)
6. B.R.Nanda (ed) : Indian Women – From purdah to Modernity (New Delhi : Vikas, 1966)
7. Karuna Channa (ed) : Socialization, Education and Women: Explorations in Gender Identity (New Delhi : Orient Longman 1988)

8. Leela Dube and Rajini Palkiwala (ed) Kinship, Production and the Household (New Delhi, Sage, 1988)
9. K.Sardmoni : Women, work and Society (Calcutta Indian Statistical Institute, 1985)
10. Maithreyi Krishnaraj and Karuna Channa (ed) : Gender and the Household Domain (Social and Cultural dimensions) New Delhi : Sage, 1990
