

B.A III YEAR

SOCIOLOGY

Paper III: Social Problems

(With reference to India)

1. **Introduction to Social Problems:** Definition – Nature of Social Problems – The relativity of Social Problems – The cultural base of Social Problems – Approaches to the study of Social Problems.

2. **Population Problems:**

a) World Population Crisis – Consequences of population change in agrarian and industrialized.

b) Population problem in India: Causes of high fertility in India – Rural Urban differences in fertility – consequences of over population in India. Measures to meet the problems.

3. **Family Disorganisation:**

a) Nature of family organisation : Concept of family disorganisation – rapid changes in the role and status of partner – factors bringing change in functions of the family – causes of family disorganization – personal and impersonal factors in tension – effects of family tension – extent of desertion and divorce in India Divorce and Economic position – children of divorced persons – desirability and under desirability of divorce avoidance of family tensions and divorce – family welfare services.

b) Problems of the aged: Nature of the problems – The care of the aged – Remedial Measures.

4. **Violence Against Women:**

a) Nature, extent and characteristics of violence against women rape – abduction and kidnapping, murder, dowry deaths wife – battering violence against widows, motivations in violence i.e.,

- i) Victims Provocation
- ii) Hostility towards women
- iii) Intoxication and
- iv) Situational urge

b) Theoretical explanation of violent behaviour

c) Remedial explanation of violent behaviour

c) Remedial measures

d) Dowry Menace – meaning and features – Evils of dowry system – some measures for its eradication.

5. Youth Unrest and Agitations:

- Concept of Youth unrest
- Characteristics of Youth unrest
- Youth protests, agitations and movements
- Youth agitations
- Process of growth of youth agitations
- Important youth agitations in India
- Types of youth agitations
- Youth receptive to agitations
- Limitations of youth agitations
- Causes of youth unrest and agitations
- Theories on the causes of youth agitations
- Youth Leadership
- Youth agitations and police
- Controlling youth agitations

6. Child Labour:

- Child population and the working children
- The problem of child labour
- Nature of child work
- Causes of child labour
- Working conditions of child labourers
- Governmental measures and national policy of amelioration – an evaluation.

7. Drug Abuse and Drug Addiction:

- Aberrant behaviour
- Basic concepts
- Nature and impact of abusablic drugs
- Extent and Nature of drug usage
- Motivations of drug trafficking
- Treating addicts and preventing drug abuse
- Control over – drug abuse

8. Problems of Industrialisation and Urbanisation Urban Problems:

1. Housing and Slums
2. Water supply and drainage
3. Transportation and Traffic

4. Power Shortage
5. Pollution
6. Remedial measures

9. Terrorism:

Characteristics
Objectives
Origin and Development
Perspectives
Mass support
Support base
Terrorism in India
Terrorism in other countries
Theoretical explanation of causes of terrorism
Combating terrorism

10. Political Institutions and Corruption:

Corruption in ancient period – corruption defined – causes of corruption – forms of corruption – white collar criminals – organized crime and community dis-organisation – extent of corruption in India – Measures for controlling corruption.

Books for Study:

1. Contemporary social problems by Robert K.Merton and Robert Nisbet (I, II or II edn. Only) Hecourt Brace.
2. Madan G.R. Indian Social Problems – Vol. 2
3. Pati.R.N. and Jena B. – Aged in India.
4. Social problems in India by Ram Ahuja (Rawat Pub. Jaipur and New Delhi 1992)
5. C.B.MaMORIA : Social problems and social disorganization Kit Mahal – 1981).
6. G.R.Madan: Social change and problems of development in India.
