

Syllabus

B.A. PART—I (P.U.)
SOCIOLOGY
FIRST SEMESTER
FUNDAMENTALS OF SOCIOLOGY

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 100
Theory : 90 Marks
Internal Assessment : 10 Marks

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PAPER-SETTER AND THE CANDIDATES

- (i) For written paper, the students will be required to attempt five questions in all. Question No. I will be compulsory comprising 12 short answer type questions of 2 marks each and will cover the entire syllabus. The students are required to attempt nine short answer type questions out of 12, i.e. $9 \times 2 = 18$ marks. In addition to it, Question Nos. II & III will consist of long answer (essay type) questions, two questions from each unit with internal choice carrying 18 marks each i.e. $4 \times 18 = 72$ marks.
- (ii) On an average, 15 hours are to be devoted for each unit.
- (iii) For private candidates, who have not been assessed earlier for internal assessment, the marks secured by them in theory paper will proportionately be increased to maximum marks of the paper in lieu of internal assessment.

The paper-setter must put note (iii) in the question paper.

OBJECTIVE

This paper aims at introducing Fundamentals of Sociology to the beginners of the subject; the basic understanding about Sociology as a discipline. Study of various terms, concepts and processes will help students in formulating a Sociological Viewpoint and an easy comprehension of the discipline at later stages.

COURSE CONTENT

UNIT—I

Introduction to Sociology : Origin and Development; Nature and Significance.

Relationship of Sociology with other Social Sciences—Anthropology, History and Psychology.

UNIT—II

Understanding Society: Meaning, Characteristics, Theories of Origin of Society — Organic and Social Contract. Relationship between Individual and Society.

Social Groups - Meaning, Characteristics and Classification, Primary and Secondary Groups, In groups and Out groups, Reference group.

UNIT—III

Culture : Meaning and Features, Culture and Civilization, Cultural Lag, Acculturation, Assimilation, Cultural Pluralism.

Dimensions of Culture : Cultural Trait, Cultural Patterns, Cultural Complexes, Cultural Relativism.

UNIT—IV

Socialization : Meaning, Stages, Agencies and Theories of Mead and Cooley.

Social Control : Meaning, Types and Agencies – Formal and Informal.

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