

**Syllabus**  
**M.A. Sociology – Semester-IV**  
**SOC O 843 : Family Dynamics in Contemporary India**  
**PANJAB UNIVERSITY, CHANDIGARH (2021-2022)**

**Objective**

In this course students will be enabled to have a grasp of the changing marriage and family patterns in India. The course will be addressing to the impact of technological and economic factors on family and how family has responded to these by undergoing changes in its Form, Structure and Functions, which in turn influence the values and role-relations within the family. Students will be further acquainted with the family's failure in coping with the pressures of modern life.

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PAPER-SETTERS AND FOR CANDIDATES**

- (i) The theory question paper will be of 80 marks and 20 marks will be for internal assessment. Duration of the paper will be 3 hours.
- (ii) 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 (ii) in the question paper.**

*The syllabus will be divided into four units.*

There will be 9 questions in all. The first question is compulsory and shall be short answer type containing 10 short questions spread over the whole syllabus to be answered in about 30 to 35 words each, carrying 20 marks i.e. 2 marks each. Rest of the paper shall contain 4 units. Each unit shall have two long questions and the candidates shall be given internal choice of attempting one question from each Unit-4 in all. Each question will carry 15 marks.

**Course Outline**

**Unit-I**

**Marriage Patterns**

- Traditional and Contemporary Patterns from Vedic times to Modern times
- Changing Patterns of Marriage Alliances
- Child Marriage; Increasing Age at Marriage, its Socio-economic and Cultural Determinants, Regional Variations and Demographic Consequences.

**Unit-II**

**Trends in Family Type**

- Regional Variation in Family Type and its Socio-cultural Correlates.
- Joint Family: Its Structural & Functional Aspects, Changing forms of Joint family – Nuclearization.
- Changing Status and Role of the Women and the Aged.

**Unit-III**

**Family Values and Role-Relations**

- Familial Values : Familism vs. Individualism.
- Dyadic Relations : Changing Filial (Parent and Child), Fraternal (Siblings-Brother and Sister, Brother and Brother, Sister and Sister),

**Unit-IV**

**Family Disintegration**

- Marital Maladjustment.
- Factors Responsible for Disintegration of Joint and Nuclear family.
- Desertion and Divorce: their Extent, Causes and Consequences.

**Note:** Please compare the Syllabus with the Syllabus issued by the University. We are not responsible about it.