

**சென்னைப் பல்கலைக்கழகம்**  
**தொலைதரக் கல்வி நிறுவனம்**



**M.A. Degree Course in**  
**SOCIOLOGY**  
**சமூகவியல்**

*Syllabus*

**Non-Semester**

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**UNIVERSITY OF MADRAS**  
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# M.A. SOCIOLOGY

## SCHEME OF EXAMINATION

### FIRST YEAR

Paper	Subjects	Duration Hours	Total Marks
I	Principles of Sociology	3	100
II	Sociological Theories	3	100
III	Research Methodology & Social Statistics	3	100
IV	Indian Society	3	100
V	Sociology of Development	3	100
<b>SECOND YEAR</b>			
VI	Rural Sociology	3	100
VII	Urban Sociology	3	100
VIII	Sociology of Education	3	100
IX	Sociology of Health	3	100
X	Information Technology & Society	3	100

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**SYLLABUS**

**FIRST YEAR**

**PAPER I - PRINCIPLES OF SOCIOLOGY**

1. Nature and Scope of Sociology- Emergence of Sociology – Need for the study of Sociology
2. Approaches to the study of Sociology – Relationship with other Social Sciences
3. Individual and Society: Society – Origin- Nature – Relationship between Individual and Society.
4. Social Groups : Characteristics – Classification and Functions – Interdependence and Types.
5. Social Change : Meaning – Definition – Theories – Factors of Social Change – World Religions – Characteristics.
6. Culture and Civilization – Definition of Culture – Types of Culture
7. Features and Elements of Culture – Culture and Civilization – Cultural Lag.

8. Social Processes: Associative and Disassociative Processes.
9. Social Control : Agencies of Social Control – Formal and Informal Agencies of Social Control.

## **REFERENCE BOOKS**

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2. Horton Paul B and Chester, L Hunt. Sociology, New Delhi : Mc.Graw Hill Kogakucha Ltd. 1976.
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## **PAPER II - SOCIOLOGICAL THEORIES**

1. August Comte : The Law of Human Progress – Hierarchy of Sciences – Social Statics and Dynamics
2. Herbert Spencer : Evolutionary Theory – Organismic Analogy

3. Emile Durkheim : Methodology of Social Science – Sociology of Religion – Theories of Suicide – Division of Labour – Anomie
4. Karl Marx : Historical Materialism – Class Struggle – Alienation – Social Change
5. Max Weber : Ideal Type – Types of Authority – Class, Status and Power – Bureaucracy.
6. Talcott Parsons : Social Action – Social System – Pattern Variables
7. Rober K.Merton : Theory and Research – Manifest and Latent Functions – Anomie and Reference Group Theory

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1. Collins, Randall. Sociological Theory, Jaipur, Rawat Publication, New Delhi, 1997.
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3. Coser, Lewis A, Functions of Social Conflict, Glanceoe : The Free Press, 1956
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10. Pramanick S.K.Sociology of G.S.Ghurye, Rawat Publications, New Delhi, 2001
11. Preston P.W .Development Theory – An Introduction, Blackwell Publications and Introspections Popular Prakashan Pvt Ltd, Bombay 1986
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18. Turner, Jonathan H. Leonard Beeghley, Charles H Powers 5<sup>th</sup> edn, The Emergence of Sociological Theory, Wadsworth, USA, 2002.

# **PAPER III - RESEARCH METHODOLOGY AND SOCIAL STATISTICS**

## **UNIT – I INTRODUCTION**

- Objectives of Research in Social Science
- Research and Theory
- Objectivity and Value Neutrality in Social Research
- Reliability and Validity

## **UNIT II SOURCES OF DATA**

- Primary Data
- Secondary Data

## **UNIT III PROBLEM FORMULATION AND TYPES OF HYPOTHESIS**

- Selection of Research Problem
- Issues in Problem Formulation
- Shaping and Refining the Problem
- Types of Hypothesis

## **UNIT IV QUANTITATIVE RESEARCH**

- Research Design
- Sampling Design
- Survey Techniques and Tools of Data Collection

## **UNIT V QUALITATIVE RESEARCH**

- Participant Observation/Ethnography
- Case Study
- Oral History
- Qualitative Data Processing

## **UNIT VI WRITING FOR RESEARCH**

- Writing proposals for Research Grants
- Writing Research Report

## **UNIT VII STATISTICAL APPLICATION**

- Mean, Median, Mode
- Mean Deviation and Standard Deviation, Correlate and Representation

## **REFERENCE BOOKS**

1. Dvane R. Monette, Thomas IJ Sullivan, Cornell R.Dejong 5<sup>th</sup> End (2002), Applied Social Research – Tool for the Human Serves, Marcourt College Publishers
2. Bose, Pradip Kumar (1995), Research Methodology, ICSSR, New Delhi
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## **PAPER IV - INDIAN SOCIETY**

### **UNIT-I APPROACHES TO THE STUDY OF INDIAN SOCIETY**

- Indological Approach
- Structural Functional Approach
- Dialectical Approach
- Subaltern Approach

### **UNIT- II - CHARACTERISTICS OF INDIAN SOCIETY**

- Caste System : Structure – Changing trends in Caste – Caste conflicts
- Joint Family System – Characteristics – Changing Scenario

- Village Organisation – Physical – Social – Economic – Political Organisation
- Social and Cultural Diversity in India

### **UNIT III COLONIAL CONTEXT**

- Colonial Ethnography and Fragmentary view of Society
- Imperial Gazetteer and Colonial Policy
- Colonial Legacy, Neo-colonialism

### **UNIT IV – POST COLONIAL CONTEXT**

- Indian Constitution
- Legislative History
- Social Legislation, Social Policy and Social Change

### **UNIT V CURRENT DEBATES**

- Contextualization
- Indigenization
- Text and Context
- Sociology of India

### **REFERENCE BOOKS**

1. Desouza P.R (ed) (2000), Contemporary India, Trensiteri Sage Publication, New Delhi
2. Dhanagare D.N (1993), Themes and Perspectives in Indian Sociology, Powal Publication, Jaipur

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8. Srinivas M.N, (1960), India's Villages, Asia Publishing House, Bombay

## **PAPER V - SOCIOLOGY OF DEVELOPMENT**

### **UNIT - I : INTRODUCTION**

- Development and Changes
- Human Development and Social Development
- Sustainable Development – Socio-Cultural Sustainability – Multiple Sustainability

### **UNIT- II : THEORETICAL PERSPECTIVES ON DEVELOPMENT**

- Functional Perspective
- Marxist Perspective
- Ecological Perspective
- Liberal Perspective
- Social Action Perspective

## **UNIT- III - THEORIES OF DEVELOPMENT AND UNDERDEVELOPMENT**

- Modernisation Theory
- Centre-Periphery Theory
- World Systems Theory
- Unequal Exchange Theory

## **UNIT - IV : MODELS AND AGENCIES OF DEVELOPMENT**

- Models : Capitalism – Socialism – Mixed Economy
- Agencies : Market Forces – Non-Governmental Organisations

## **UNIT -V : INDIAN EXPERIENCE OF DEVELOPMENT**

- Planned Development Through Five Year Plans
- Impact of Globalisation
- Impact of Information Technology
- Regional Development : Select Case Studies of U.P., West Bengal and Kerala

## **REFERENCE BOOKS**

1. Appadurai, Arjun,(1997), Modernity at Large: Cultural Dimensions of Globalisation, OUP, New Delhi
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11. Kiely, Ray and Phil Marfleet, eds (1998), Globalisation and the Third World, Routledge, London
12. Sharma, S L (1992), Social Action Groups as Harbingers of Silent Revolution
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14. Wallerstein Immanuel (1974), The Modern World System, OUP, New York.

## **PAPER VI - RURAL SOCIETY IN INDIA**

### **UNIT- I : INTRODUCTION**

- Characteristics of Agrarian and Peasant Society
- Habitat and Settlement in Rural Society
- Caste and Religion in Rural Society
- Family in Society

### **UNIT - II : AGRARIAN STRUCTURE AND CHANGE**

- Socio Economic Inequalities
- Land Reforms and Social Changes
- Green Revolution and Social Change.

### **UNIT-III : PLANNED CHANGE FOR RURAL SOCIETY**

- Panchayati Raj and Local Self Government
- Community Development Programmes
- Rural Development Strategies

### **UNIT-IV : AGRARIAN MOVEMENT**

- Peasant Movements : Causes and Structure
- Farmers' Associations
- Agricultural Labourers Associations

## **UNIT - V : PROBLEMS OF RURAL SOCIETY**

- Landless Labourers
- Rural Poverty and Rural Indebtedness
- Problem of Rural Industries and Rural Marketing
- Impact of GATT & WTO

### **REFERENCE BOOKS**

1. Berch, Berberogue, (1992) Class, State and Development in India 1,2,3 and 4 Chapters, Sage , New Delhi
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# **PAPER VII - URBAN SOCIOLOGY**

## **UNIT- I : INTRODUCTION**

- Classical Theories; Emile Durkheim, Karl Marx, Max Weber & Tonnies
- Urban Community and Spatial Dimensions : Park-Burgess, Mekenzie, Simmel, Louis Wirth and Redfield

## **UNIT - II : URBANIZATION IN INDIA**

- Trends in Urbanization
- Factors of Urbanization
- Causes of Urbanization
- Consequences of Urbanization

## **UNIT - III : URBAN CENTRES**

- Classification of Town, Cities and Metropolis
- Characteristics of Urban Society
- Urban Social Structure : Caste, class, Family

## **UNIT - IV : URBAN SOCIAL PROBLEM**

- Urban Housing
- Slums
- Urban Crimes
- Environmental Problems



## **UNIT - V : URBAN MANAGEMENT**

- Urban and Regional Planning
- Urban Services
- Urban Development Programmes and Policies

### **REFERENCE BOOKS**

1. Pickwance C.G (ed)1976, Urban Sociology, Critical Essays, Methuen
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## **PAPER VIII - SOCIOLOGY OF EDUCATION**

### **UNIT - I : THEORETICAL PERSPECTIVES**

- Functionalist Perspective
- Radical Perspective
- Micro Interpretative Approach
- Post Modern Perspective and Social Construction

### **UNIT- II : EDUCATIONAL DISPARITIES**

- Rural and Urban Disparities
- Disparities by Caste
- Disparities by Gender
- Problem of Tribal Population
- Positive Discrimination and Reservation Policy

### **UNIT - III : AGENCIES PROMOTING EDUCATION**

- Role of State
- Role of Religious Organisations
- Role of Industries
- Role of Private Organisations

### **UNIT - IV : EDUCATION AND SOCIETY**

- Education and Social Change
- Education and Social Development
- Education and Social Mobility
- Education, class and Social reproduction

### **UNIT - V : IDEOLOGIES AND ALTERNATIVES**

- M.K.Gandhi
- Paulo Freire
- Ivan Illich

### **REFERENCE BOOKS**

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## **PAPER IX - SOCIOLOGY OF HEALTH**

### **UNIT- I : INTRODUCTION**

- Scope and Importance of Sociology of Health
- Four Dimensions of Health
- Evolution of Social Medicine in India

### **UNIT- II : SOCIAL EPIDEMIOLOGY**

- Social Epidemiology of Diseases
- Social Etiology of Diseases
- Social Ecology of Diseases

### **UNIT - III : HEALTH CARE PLANNING**

- History of Public Health in India
- National Health Policy
- Health Planning in India
- Health Care System in India

## **UNIT- IV : COMMUNITY HEALTH**

- Bhore Committee Report
- Primary Health Centres at Four Levels
- Health Care Delivery Model
- Holistic Approach to 'Health for All'

## **UNIT - V : HEALTH PROGRAMMES IN INDIA**

- National Health Programmes – Objectives and Strategies
- Implementation of Health Programmes and their Effectiveness
- Role of International Organization – WHO – other United National Agencies – Health Work of Bilateral Agencies
- HIV/AIDS & National Policy in India

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1. Albrecht , Gary L and Fitzpatrick R 1994, Quality of Life in Healthcare – Advances in Medical Sociology , Jai Press, Mumbai
2. Cockerham, Willam C.1997, Medical Sociology, Prentice Hall, New Jersey
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## **PAPER X - INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND SOCIETY**

### **UNIT - I : TECHNOLOGY, SOCIETY AND CHANGE**

- Industrialism
- Capitalism
- Informationalism

### **UNIT- II : INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY REVOLUTION**

- Transition from Manufacturing to Service Sector
- Transition from Industrialism to Informationalism
- New Work Culture

### **UNIT -III : INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND LABOUR MARKET**

- Organisational Network
- Changing Concept of Work
- Changes in the Production Relations

## **UNIT- IV :Information Technology and New Social Divisions**

- Global Disparities
- Rural Urban Disparity
- Gender Disparity

## **UNIT - V : CYBER – CRIME**

- Economic Crimes
- Spread of Terrorism through Internet
- Internet and Social Deviance

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2. Barrie Axford and Richard Huggin (eds) 2001, New Media and Politics, Sage, India
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