MA (Previous) Sociology Syllabus

1. The syllabus of MA (previous) Sociology shall be grouped into two semesters. Semester I and Semester II.

2. Semester I Shall have five compulsory papers.

3. There shall be four compulsory papers and one term paper and viva-voce in semester II.

   **Semester I**
   - Paper I  Foundations of Sociological Thought.
   - Paper II  Principles and methods of data collection.
   - Paper III  Sociology of Development.
   - Paper IV  Society and culture in contemporary India.
   - Paper V  Perspectives on Indian Sociology.

   **Semester II**
   - Paper I  Modern sociological thought.
   - Paper II  Principles and methods of data analysis.
   - Paper III  Development in India.
   - Paper IV  Rural Sociology.
   - Paper V  Viva-voce.

The course of MAII (final) Sociology shall be grouped in two semesters; semester III and Semester IV. Semester III shall have five compulsory papers and semester IV shall have four compulsory papers and viva-voce.

   **Semester III**
   - Paper I  Modern sociological theory.
   - Paper II  Urban Sociology.
   - Paper III  Industrial Sociology.
   - Paper IV  Sociology of Environment.
   - Paper V  Gender and Society.

   **Semester IV**
   - Paper I  Contemporary Sociological Theory
   - Paper II  Sociology of Crime.
   - Paper III  Political Sociology.
   - Paper IV  Social Demography.
   - Paper V  Viva-Voce.
Semester I

Paper I

Foundations of Sociological thought

Unit I: Emergence of Sociology—Intellectual context: Enlightenment – the social, economic and political forces: the French and industrial revolution.


Unit III: Herbert Spencer: The evolutionary doctrine, the organic analogy, society and the steps of evolution.

Unit IV: Emile Durkheim: Contribution to the methodology of sociology – concept of social facts, sociologism, theory of suicide.

Unit V: Vilfredo Pareto: logico-experimental method, explanation of non-logical actions, theory of social change.
Essential Readings


Barnes H.E. 1959, “Introduction to the history of Sociology”, Chicago, the University of Chicago Press.


Sorokin P.A, “Contemporary Sociological Theories”.

Barnes, H.E, “An Introduction to the History of Sociology”


Hayek, F, “The Counter-revolution of Science”.


Persons, Talcott, “The Structure of Social Action”.

Bogardus, E.S, “The Development of Social Thought”.

Aron Raymond, “Main Currents in Sociological Thought” Vol. I & II.

Zetlin, Irvin, “Ideology and the development of Sociological Theory”.

Tonnies, F, “Community and Society”.

Fletcher D, “The making of Sociology”, Vol. I & II.

Coser, L, “Masters of Sociology Thought”.

Dhanagare, D.N, “Themes and Perspectives in Indian Sociology”.


Mukherjee, D.P, “Diversities”.

Bogardus, E.S, “The Development of Social Thought”.

Singh, Baljeet, “The Frontiers of Social Science”.


**Paper II**

**Principles and methods of Data Collection**

**Unit I:** Logic of social sciences; meaning of social research; steps in social research.

**Unit II:** Conceptual foundations of research: concepts, definitions and hypotheses; theory and fact.

**Unit III:** Research design: (Exploratory/Formulative; Descriptive/ Diagnostic and experimental).

**Unit IV:** Types and Sources of data; methods and techniques of data collection: observation, interview, questionnaire, case study method, content analysis; Projective techniques; sociometry and scaling.

**Unit V:** Sampling types and methods.

**Essential Reading:**


Madge, John, “Tool of Social Science”.


Smelser, Neil J. “Comparative Methods in Social Science”.

Young, P.V, 1988, “Scientific Social Surveys and Research”, New Delhi, Prentice Hall.

Madge, John, “Tools of social research”.

Festinger, Leon & Katz, Daniel, “Research methods in the Behavioral Sciences”.

Goode W.J. & Hatt, P.K, “Methods in social research”.
Young, Pavlin V, “Scientific Social Survey and Research”.
Bell, J.E, “Projective Techniques: A Dynamic Approach to the study of Personality”.
Sorokin. P.A, “Fads and Foibles in sociology and related sciences”.
Cohen, “Statistical methods for social scientists”.
Ghosh and Choudhary, “Element of statistics”.
Sellitz, Z.C. Jahoda, M. Others, “Research method in social Relations”.
Lazarsfeld P.F. and Rosenberg M.W, “The language of social research”.
Cattell, R.B: Factors Analysis, “An introduction and manual for the psychologist and social scientist”.
Dandapani, S, “Fundamentals of social survey and research method”.
Bailey, Kenneth D, “Methods of social research”.
Merton, R.K, “Social Theory and Social Structure”.

Paper III

Sociology of Development

Unit I: Changing conceptions of development: economic growth, human development, social development, sustainable development.

Unit II: Developed and developing societies, Problems of developing societies (with special reference to India).

Unit III: Theories of development: Ideas of B.F. Hoselitz, W.W. Rostow, W.A. Levis

Unit IV: Theories of underdevelopment: ideas of Andre Gunder Frank; Emmanuel Wallerstein; Samir Amin.

Unit V: Paths of development: capitalist, socialist, mixed economy, Gandhian.
Culture and Institutional barriers of development; social structure and development.
Essential Readings

Hoselitz, B.F. “Sociological aspects of Economic growth”.
Lerner Daniel, “The Passing of traditional Society”.
Gunnar Myrdal, “Asian Drama”
Giddens Anthony, “Introduction to Sociology”.
Haq, Mahbubul, “Reflection on Human Lewis development”
S.L. Sharma : Development, “Social- Cultural dimensions in India”.
Singh, Yogendra, “Culture change in India”.
Lerner Daniel : “The Passing of traditional society Modernising the middle East”
J.A. Schumpeter : Theory of Economic Development.
Alam During – How much is Enough? The Consumer society and the future of earth.
Walden Bell – Brave new third world; Strategies for Survival in the Global Economy.
Desai A.R. India’s path of Development – A Marxist Approach.
Gidden Anthony, ‘Global problems of ecological Crisis’ in ‘Introduction to Sociology’
Haq, Mahbubul, Reflection on human development.
Sharma, S.L, “Development: Socio-culture dimensions”.
Singh, Yogendra, “Modernization of Indian tradition”.
Samsad, “Perspectives of sustainable development in Asia”.
Waters, Malcolm, “Globalization”.
Kabir, Naila, “Reverse Realities”.
Ostergaard L, “Gender and Development”.
Toffler Alvin,” The Third Wave”.
Capara, ‘Turning Point’. 
Mc clelland, David C “The Achieving Society”.
Turner, Roy, “India’s Urban future”.
Levy, Marion J. Jr. “Modernization and the structure of Societies”.
Bella, Robert N.N, “Religion and Progress in modern Asia”.
Foster, Georg M, “Traditional culture and impact of technological change”.
Loomis, C.P. and Loomis Z.K, “Socio-economic change and religious Factor in India”.
Hoselitz B.F. and Moore W.E, “Industrialization and Society”.
Hetzier, Stanley, “A technological growth and social change”.
U.N.O: Process and problems of industrialization in underdevelopment countries.
Frank, Andre, Gunder , “On Capitalist Underdevelopment”.
Gadgil D.R: ‘Origin of modern Indian business class”
An interim report, “The industrial revolution in India in recent times 1860-1939”.
Peter Kilby: Entrepreneurship and economic-development.

**Paper IV**

**Society and Culture in contemporary India**

**Unit I:** Family and marriage in contemporary India.

**Unit II:** Caste in contemporary India: Caste and Class, Caste and Politics.

**Unit III:** Religion in Contemporary India: religion and politics, popular religion and emerging cults.

**Unit IV:** Culture in contemporary India: Problems of Cultural Synthesis, impact of globalization on Indian culture.

**Unit V:** Women in contemporary India: empowerment of women-role of State and Non-governmental organizations.

**Essential Readings**

Karve Irawati, “Hindu Society: An Interpretation” Poona, Deccan College.


Singh Yogendra 1973, “Modernization of Indian Tradition” Delhi, Jhonson Press.

Uberoi Patricia 1993, “Family, Kinship and Marriage in India”,New Delhi, Oxford University Press.


Singh Yogendra 2003,”Culture and Change in India”, Rawat Publications, Jaipur.


Radhakrishnan, S. & Raju, P.T, “The concept of Man in Comparative Philosophy”.

Kane, P.V, “History of the Dharmashatras; Ancient and Medieval Religious and Civil Laws (Vol. 3).

Kapadia, K.M, “Marriage and Family in India” (Bombay).

Dubois, A.J.A. & Beauchamp, H.K, “Hindu Manners, Customs and Ceremonies”.

Ghurye, G.S, “Caste Class and Occupation”.

Risley, H.H, “The People of India”.

Srinivas, M.N, “The Dominant Caste and Other Essays. Social Change in Modern India”

Karve, Irawati, “Kinship Organization in India”.

Hutton, J.H, “Caste in India”, (Oxford University Press).

Mukerji, D.P, “Modern Indian culture: A Sociological Study”.

Ghurye, G.S, “Social Tension in India”.

Singh, Yogendra, “Modernization of Indian Tradition: A systematic Study of Social Stratification and Change in India.
Singh Yogendra, “Culture Change in India”.
Sharma, K.L, “Essays on Caste and Class”.

Paper V
Perspectives on Indian Sociology
Unit I: Development of sociology in India: pre-independent period, post independent period.
Unit II: Indological Perspective: G. S Ghurye, N.K. Bose.
Unit IV: Marxist perspective: A.R. Desai, R.K. Mukherji
Unit V: Subaltern Perspective: B.R. Ambedker, David Hardiman.

Essential Readings

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Semester II

Paper I

Modern Sociological thought

Unit I: Karl Marx- Dialectical materialism; historical materialism; concept of alienation.

Unit II: Max Weber- Methodology of social sciences; theory of social action; theory of authority.

Unit III: C.H. Cooley- The Looking glass self; Organic view of Society; Concept of primary group.

Unit IV: Karl Mannheim- Sociology of knowledge.

Unit V: Pitrim Sorokin- Social stratification and social mobility; view of society and culture.
**Essential Readings**

Sorokin P.A: Contemporary Sociological Theories


Aron Raymond: Main Currents in Sociological Thought Vol. I & II.


Coser, L: Masters of Sociology Thought.

Bogardus, E.S: The Development of Social Thought.

Singh, Baljeet: The Frontiers of Social Science.


Paper II

Principles and Methods of Data Analysis

Unit I: Editing of data, classification and Tabulation of data.

Unit II: Diagrammatic and graphic representation of data.

Unit III: Measures of central tendency: Mean, Median, Mode; Measures of dispersion: mean deviation, standard deviation.

Unit IV: Bivariate analysis: Karl Pearson’s coefficient of correlation, Spearman’s coefficient of correlation; association of attributes.

Unit V: Tests of significance and tests of hypotheses: chi-square test, t-test.
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Ghosh and Choudhary : Element of statistics.
Sellitiz, Z.C., Jahoda, M. Others : Research method in social Relations.
Lazarsfeld P.F. and Rosenberg M.W. : The language of social research.
Bailey, Kenneth D., Methods of social research.
Merton, R.K : Social Theory and Social Structure.
Paper III

Development in India

Unit I: Indian experience of development: colonial period and development, post Colonial period and development; Sociological appraisal of five year Plans.

Unit II: Culture and Development: Culture as an aid to development, culture as an impediment to development, development and upsurge of ethnicity.

Unit III: Development and the marginalized: minorities and development, Scheduled castes/ tribes and development.

Unit IV: Consequences of development: Development and displacement; development and environmental degradation.

Unit V: The nature and dynamics of globalization; socio-economic and cultural impact of globalization on India; globalization and public policy.
**Essential Readings**

Hoselitz, B.F. “Sociological aspects of Economic growth”.

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Loomis, C.P. and Loomis Z.K. : Socio-economic change and religious Factor in India.


Hetzzier, Stanley, A. : Technological growth and social change.

U.N.O. : Process and problems of industrialization in underdevelopment countries.


Frank, Andre, Gunder – On Capitalist Underdevelopment.


Peter Kilby : Entrepreneurship and economic-development.


Paper IV

Rural Sociology

Unit I: Concepts of heuristic significance: little community, peasant society & folk culture.

Unit II: Traditional Indian village and its institutions: Family, kinship, caste and religion.

Unit III: Social Change in rural India: Sanskritization, modernization; impact of urbanization on rural institutions.

Unit IV: Patterns of leadership and power structure in contemporary rural India; the new panchayati raj system and its impact on power structure.

Unit V: Policies and programmes of rural development old and new.
**Essential Readings**

Dahama, O.P. Extension and Rural Welfare

Desai, A.R. Rural Sociology in India

Dey, S.K. Community Development Programme in India

Doshi, Sushil and Jain. Rural Sociology

Dubey, S.C. Indian Village

Dubey, S.C. India’s Changing Village

Dumont, Louis. & Pocock David F. Contributions to Indian Sociology Vol. I & II

Farnkel, Francine. India’s Green Revolution

Gandhi, M.K. Rebuilding our Villages

Lawis, Oscar. Village life in the Northern India

Mujumdar, D.N. Rural Profiles

McKim, Marriot. Village Studies in the Community

Redfield, R. Peasant Society and Culture

Redfield, R. The Little Community

Sanderson, Bright, Rural Social Organization

Sexena, D>P. Rur-Urban Migration in India
Srinivas, M.N. India’s Villages
Berch, Berberogue, Ed. 1992 : Class, State and Development in India 1, 2, 3, and 4 Chapters. Sage, New Delhi.
Desai A R 1977 Rural Sociology in India, Popular Prakashan, Bombay.
Mencher J.P., 1983 : Social Anthropology of Peasantry Part III, OUP
Thorner, Daniel and Thorner Alice 1962 Land and Labour in India, Asia Publications, Bombay.
(Relevant Chapters)
Dhanagare D N 1988 : Peasant Movements in India, OUP, New Delhi.
Ashish Nandy 1999. Ambiguous Journey to the City, New Delhi: OUP

Paper V
Viva-voce