

## **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 III

### Paper I

#### Modern Sociological Theory

**Unit I:** Structural-functionalist theory (Parsons, Merton)

**Unit II:** Conflict Theory ( Dahrendorf, Coser ).

**Unit III:** Symbolic Interactionism (Cooley, Mead, Blumer)

**Unit IV:** Phenomenological Sociology (Husserl's philosophical, Schutz's sociological and Garfinkel's ethno-methodological approach ).

**Unit V:** Structuralism (approaches of Ferdinand de Saussure, Roland Barthes and Claude Levi-Strauss).

#### Essential Reading

Andeson, R.J., Hughes, John, Sharrock, "Philosophy and the Human Sciences".

Barth, P, "Models of Social Organization"

Becker Howard and Boskoff Alvin, "Modern Sociological Theory in Continuity and Change".

Beteille, A. "Social Inequality"

Blumer Herbert, "Symbolic Interactionism, Perspective and Method"

Bottomore, T.B. Karl Marx, Basic Writings

Coser, L and Resenberg, B, "Sociological Theory"

Dahrendorf, R, "Class and Class conflict in Industrial Society"

Furey, Paul, H, "The Scope and Method of Sociology"

Giddens, Anthony and Turner, Jonathan, "Social Theory Today"

## Semester IV

### Paper I

#### Contemporary Sociological Theory

**Unit I:** Neo-Marxian Theory : Habermas, Althuser, Gramsci.

**Unit II:** Postmodern Marxian theory: Laclau and Mouffe, David Harvey.

**Unit III:** Post-structuralism: Derrida, Foucault.

**Unit IV:** Postmodernism: Jameson, Baudrillard.

**Unit V:** Contemporary feminist theory: feminism and post-structuralism; feminism and post modernism.

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Furey, Paul, H. "The Scope and Method of Sociology"

Giddens, Anthony and Turner, Jonathan, "Social Theory Today"

Gross, L. "Symposium on Sociological Theory "

Levi-Strauss, C. "Structural Anthropology (Selected Chapters)"