

B.A. (Sociology), Semester-I

PAPER-DSC103: FUNDAMENTALS OF SOCIOLOGY

(Discipline Specific Course)

1. Introduction to Sociology

- a) French and Industrial Revolutions – Origin and Emergence of Sociology
- b) Definition, Nature and Scope of Sociology and its relationship with other Sciences.
- c) Sociology as Discipline, Scientific Method, Methods and Tools used in Sociology

2. Basic Concepts

- a) Society, Community, Association, Institution
- b) Social Group: Its typologies - Primary, Secondary, In and Out Groups, Vertical and Horizontal, Geminschaft and Geshellschaft, Peer Group and Reference group
- c) Social Structure - Social System - Social Organization - Social Norms, Values and Customs

3. Culture, Sociological Processes and Institutions

- a) Culture: Definition - Elements of Culture, Cultural Relativity; Cultural Lag, Acculturation, Enculturization, Ethnocentrism, Xenocentrism
- b) Socio-cultural Process: Associative and Dissociative Processes – Socialization: Definition, Stages, Types, Agencies and Theories – CH Cooley, GH Mead, Sigmund Freud
- c) Social Institutions: Marriage, Family, Kinship, Religion and Political Systems
- d) Social Control: Formal and Informal Agencies
- e) Social Stratification and Mobility – Forms – Caste – Class, Gender – Estate, Social Change: Meaning, Factors and Theories

4. Sociological Perspectives

- a) Structural-Functional
- b) Conflict
- c) Symbolic and Interactionist Perspective
- d) Phenomenology and Ethnomethodology

5. Sociological Thinkers:

- a) August Comte: Positivism, Hierarchy of Sciences, Social Static and Dynamics, Social Progress.
- b) Herbert Spencer: Organic View of Analogy, Societal Evolution,
- c) Karl Marx- Historical Materialism, Mode of Production, Alienation, Class Struggle.
- d) Emile Durkheim: Division of labour, Social Fact, Suicide, Religion and Society.
- e) Max Weber: Social Action, Ideal Types, Authority, Bureaucracy, Protestant Ethics and the Spirit of Capitalism.

References:

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- Alex Inkeles (1979): What Is Sociology?: An Introduction to the Discipline and Profession, Prentice Hall India Learning Private Limited

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