

B.A.(Liberal Arts)
CORE COURSE (CC) : SOCIOLOGY
SEMESTER-III
(BLAB32305T) SOCIOLOGICAL THOUGHT

MAX. MARKS:100
EXTERNAL:70
INTERNAL:30
PASS:40%

Objective:

Credits:6

This paper introduces some of the fundamental theoretical underpinnings of sociological theory. The paper contextualizes emergence of sociology and familiarizes the student with the classical thinkers of sociological thought. The theoretical foundation prepares the student to develop theoretical understanding of contemporary society as well.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PAPER SETTER/EXAMINER:

1. The syllabus prescribed should be strictly adhered to.
2. The question paper will consist of three sections: A, B, and C. Sections A and B will have four questions each from the respective sections of the syllabus and will carry 10 marks each. The candidates will attempt two questions from each section.
3. Section C will have fifteen short answer questions covering the entire syllabus. Each question will carry 3 marks. Candidates will attempt any 10 questions from this section.
4. The examiner shall give a clear instruction to the candidates to attempt questions only at one place and only once. Second or subsequent attempts, unless the earlier ones have been crossed out, shall not be evaluated.
5. The duration of each paper will be three hours.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE CANDIDATES:

Candidates are required to attempt any two questions each from the sections A, and B of the question paper, and any ten short answer questions from Section C. They have to attempt questions only at one place and only once. Second or subsequent attempts, unless the earlier ones have been crossed out, shall not be evaluated.

Section-A

1. Enlightenment and evolution of social thought.
2. Auguste Comte: Positivism, Law of Three Stages
3. Herbert Spencer: Evolution, Social Darwinism
4. Sorokin: Cyclical Theory of Social Change
5. Emile Durkheim: Social Facts, Suicide, Division of Labour

Section-B

1. Vilfredo Pareto: Circulation of Elites, Logical and Non-Logical Action
2. Karl Marx: Dialectical materialism, Historical materialism and Class Struggle
3. Max Weber: The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism, Social Action
4. G. H. Mead: Symbolic Interactionism, Development of Self.
5. Harold Garfinkel: Ethnomethodology

Suggested Readings:

Aron, Raymond. 1967 (1982 reprint). Main currents in sociological thought (2 volumes). Harmondsworth, Middlesex: Penguin Books.

Barnes, H.E. 1959. Introduction to the history of sociology. Chicago: The University of Chicago Press.

Coser, Lewis A. 1979. Masters of sociological thought. New York: Harcourt Brace Jovanovich.
Doshi, S.L.2003 Modernity, Postmodernity and Neo-Sociological Theories. Jaipur: Rawat Publications

Fletcher, Ronald. 1994. The making of sociology (2 volumes). Jaipur: Rawat.

Jammu, Prakash Singh and G.S. Bhatnagar. 1989 Samajvigyanak Sidhhant. Published in Samajak Vigyan Pattar, Vol No. 26, 27, 28. Patiala: Punjabi University

Judge, Paramjit Singh 1997 Samaj Vigyan Drishtikon te Sidhhant. Patiala: Punjabi University

Morrison, Ken. 1995. Marx, Durkheim, Weber: Formation of modern social thought. London: Sage.

Ritzer, George. 1996. Sociological theory. New Delhi: Tata-McGraw Hill.Turner,

Zeitlin, Irving. 1998 (Indian edition). Rethinking sociology: A critique of contemporary theory. Jaipur: Rawat