

**B.A.(Liberal Arts)
GENERIC ELECTIVE**

**SEMESTER-V
(BLAB33509T) INDIAN SOCIETY: ISSUES AND PROBLEMS
(GE-1) (i)**

**MAX. MARKS:100
EXTERNAL:70
INTERNAL:30
PASS:40%
Credits:6**

Objectives:

This paper will introduce the students to the basic framework of Indian society with its complex structure. This complexity of Indian society also provides the framework through which a student will learn to appreciate the intricacies of Indian society and develop a holistic understanding of the society.

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

Unity and diversity in Indian society: Linguistic and Regional diversity
Demographic profile of Indian society: Urban, Rural, Gender, Sex ratio, literacy rate.
Scheduled Caste, OBC and Scheduled Tribes of India.
Religious Composition of Indian society.
Population growth in India since independence.

Section-B

Rural society in India: features and changing patterns
Urban society in India: features and changing patterns
Tribal Society in India: features and changing patterns
Caste in India: origin, features and changing patterns
Status of Women in Indian society: Historical overview, gender discrimination.

Suggested Readings:

- Bhatnagar, G.S. and Baldev Singh Rehal 2014 *Bharti Samaj*. Patiala: Punjabi University
- Bose, N.K. 1967, *Culture and Society in India*. Bombay: Asia Publishing House.
- Chitambar, J.B. 2015 *Introductory Rural Sociology*. New Delhi: New Age International Publisher
- Desai, A.R. 1978 *Rural Sociology in India*. Bombay: Popular Prakashan
- Doshi, S.L. and P.C. Jain 2001 *Rural Sociology*, Jaipur: Rawat Publications
- Dube, S.C. 1990 : *Society in India* (New Delhi: National Book Trust)
- Dube, S.C. 1995 : *Indian Village* (London: Routledge)
- Gupta, D. (ed.) 1992 : *Social Stratification* (New Delhi : Oxford University Press)
- Ganguly, S and N Devtta (ed.) 2003 *Understanding Contemporary India* (New Delhi : Viva Books)
- Mandelbaum, D.G. 1970 : *Society in India* (Bombay : Popular Prakashan)
- Singh, Sukhdev 2017 *Punjabi Samaj Atey Badlaav*, Patiala: Gracious Books
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- Srinivas, M.N. 1980 *India: Social Structure* (New Delhi: Hindustan Publishing Corp)
- Srinivas, M.N. 1963 *Social Change in Modern India* (Berkeley: University of California Press)
- Singh, Yogendra, 1973 *Modernization of Indian Tradition* (Delhi : Thomson Press)