



BASIC CONCEPTS IN SOCIOLOGY

Full Marks: Semester-70 + Internal-30 = 100

No. of Credits: 3

Pass Marks: Semester-28 + Internal-12 = 40

No. of Lectures: 45

OBJECTIVE: The course intends to introduce classical as well as modern use of the concepts at both the preliminary to the level of advancement to further instil in sociological realm of understanding.

COURSE OUTLINE

- Unit I** : Society, community, institution, association, group
- Unit II** : Culture, socialisation, norms, values and sanctions, social processes
- Unit III** : Status and role, social institution, social structure and function
- Unit IV** : Social stratification: Meaning, forms and theories
Social mobility: Meaning and types
- Unit V** : Social control: Meaning and importance
Social change: Meaning, characteristics, forms and factors

READING LIST

- Bottomore, T. B. 1971. *Sociology: A Guide to Problems and Literature*, Bombay: George Allen and Unwin (India)
- Gisbert, P. 2013. *Fundamentals of Sociology*. Orient Black Swan. Green, A W.
- Harlombos, M. 1988. *Sociology: Themes and Perspectives*. New Delhi: Oxford University Press.
- Inkeles, Alex. 1987. *What is Sociology?* New Delhi: Prentice – Hall of India.
- Jayaram, N. 1988. *Introductory Sociology*. Madras: MacMillan.
- Johnson, Harry M. 1995. *Sociology: A Systematic Introduction*. New Delhi: Allied Publishers.
- MacIver R & Page, Charles H. 1996. *Society: An Introductory Analysis*. MacMillan.
- Schaefer, Richard T. and Robert P Lamm. 1999. *Sociology*. New Delhi: Tata McGraw Hill.

LEARNING OUTCOME

The course would help the students to understand basic concepts of sociology. Through the process of conceptualisation and contextualisation of the fundamentals of sociology the students would be able to develop a holistic or comprehensive understanding and knowledge about use and misuse of concepts at different levels of the human exercises and society. Adequate and in-depth understanding about the different concepts may usher in new vista of change in the context of the society and in the perception among the people.