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NETSYLLABUS

Subject: SOCIOLOGY Code No. : 05

Unit -1 : Sociological Theory

1. Classical Sociological Traditions
   - Emile Durkheim
   - Max Weber
   - Karl Marx
2. Structure- Functionalism and Structuralism
   - Bronislaw Malinowski
   - A.R. Radcliffe- Brown
   - Talcott Parsons
   - Robert K. Merton
   - Claude Levi Strauss
3. Hermeneutic and Interpretative Traditions
   - G.H. Mead
   - Karl Manheim
   - Alfred Schutz
   - Harold Garfinkel
   - Erving Goffman
   - Clifford Geertz

4. Post Modernism, Post Structuralism and Post Colonialism
   - Edward Said
   - Pierre Bourdieu
   - Michel Foucault
   - Jurgen Habermas
   - Anthony Giddens
   - Manuel Castells

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5. Indian Thinkers
    - M.K. Gandhi
    - B.R. Ambedkar
    - Radha Kamal Mukherjee
    - G. S. Ghurye
    - M.N. Srinivas
    - Irawati Karve

Unit - 2 : Research Methodology and Methods

1. Conceptualizing Social Reality
    - Philosophy of Science
    - Scientific Method and Epistemology in Social Science
    - Hermeneutic Traditions
    - Objectivity and Reflexivity in Social Science
    - Ethics and Politics

2. Formulating Research Design

    - Reading Social Science Research, Data and Documents
    - Induction and Deduction
    - Fact, Concept and Theory
    - Hypotheses, Research Questions, Objectives

3. Quantitative and Qualitative Methods
    - Ethnography
    - Survey Method
    - Historical Method
    - Comparative Method

4. Techniques
    - Sampling
    - Questionnaire and Schedule
    - Statistical Analysis
    - Observation, Interview and Case study
    - Interpretation, Data Analysis and Report Writing

Unit -3 : Basic Concepts and Institutions

1. Sociological Concepts

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- Social Structure
- Culture
- Network
- Status and Role
- Identity
- Community
- Diaspora
- Values, Norms and Rules
- Personhood, Habitus and Agency
- Bureaucracy, Power and Authority

2. Social Institutions

- Marriage, Family and Kinship
- Economy
- Polity
- Religion
- Education
- Law and Customs

3. Social Stratification

- Social Difference, Hierarchy, Inequality and Marginalization
- Caste and Class
- Gender, Sexuality and Disability
- Race, Tribe and Ethnicity

5. Social Change and Processes
    - Evolution and Diffusion
    - Modernization and Development
    - Social Transformations and Globalization
    - Social Mobility

Unit – 4 : Rural and Urban Transformations

1. Rural and Peasant Society
    - Caste-Tribe Settlements
    - Agrarian Social Structure and Emergent Class Relations
    - Land Ownership and Agrarian Relations
    - Decline of Agrarian Economy, De-Peasantization and Migration
    - Agrarian Unrest and Peasant Movements
    - Changing Inter-Community Relations and Violence

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2. Urban Society

- Urbanism, Urbanity and Urbanization
- Towns, Cities and Mega-Cities
- Industry, Service and Business
- Neighbourhood, Slums and Ethnic Enclaves
- Middle Class and Gated Communities
- Urban Movements and Violence

Unit – 5 : State, Politics and Development

1. Political Processes in India

- Tribe, Nation State and Border
- Bureaucracy
- Governance and Development
- Public Policy: Health, Education and Livelihoods
- Political Culture
- Grass-root Democracy
- Law and Society
- Gender and Development
- Corruption
- Role of International Development Organizations

2. Social Movements and Protests

- Political Factions, Pressure Groups
- Movements based on Caste, Ethnicity, Ideology, Gender, Disability, Religion and Region
- Civil Society and Citizenship
- NGOs, Activism and Leadership
- Reservations and Politics

Unit – 6 : Economy and Society

- Exchange, Gift , Capital, Labour and Market
- Mode of Production Debates
- Property and Property Relations
- State and Market: Welfarism and Neoliberalism
- Models of Economic Development
- Poverty and Exclusion
- Factory and Industry Systems

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- Changing Nature of Labour Relations
- Gender and Labour Process
- Business and Family
- Digital Economy, E-Commerce
- Global Business and Corporates
- Tourism
- Consumption

Unit - 7: Environment and Society

- Social and Cultural Ecology: Diverse Forms
- Technological Change, Agriculture and Biodiversity
- Indigenous Knowledge Systems and Ethno-Medicine
- Gender and Environment
- Forest Policies, Adivasis and Exclusion
- Ecological Degradation and Migration
- Development, Displacement and Rehabilitation
- Water and Social Exclusion
- Disasters and Community Responses
- Environmental Pollution, Public Health and Disability
- Climate Change and International Policies
- Environmental Movements

Unit - 8: Family, Marriage and Kinship

- Theoretical Approaches: Structure-Functionalist, Alliance and Cultural
- Gender Relations and Power Dynamics
- Inheritance, Succession and Authority
- Gender, Sexuality and Reproduction
- Children, Youth and Elderly
- Emotions and Family
- Emergent Forms of Family
- Changing Marriage Practices
- Changing Care and Support Systems
- Family Laws
- Domestic Violence and Crime against Women
- Honour Killing

Unit - 9 : Science, Technology and Society

- History of Technological Development
- Changing notions of Time and Space
- Flows and Boundaries

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- Virtual Community
- Media: Print and Electronic, Visual and Social Media
- E-Governance and Surveillance Society
- Technology and Emerging Political Processes
- State Policy, Digital Divide and Inclusion
- Technology and Changing Family Relations
- Technology and Changing Health Systems
- Food and Technology
- Cyber Crime

Unit - 10 : Culture and Symbolic Transformations

- Signs and Symbols
- Rituals, Beliefs and Practices
- Changing Material Culture
- Moral Economy
- Education: Formal and Informal
- Religious Organizations, Piety and Spirituality
- Commodification of Rituals
- Communalism and Secularism
- Cultural Identity and Mobilization
- Culture and Politics
- Gender, Body and Culture
- Art and Aesthetics
- Ethics and Morality
- Sports and Culture
- Pilgrimage and Religious Tourism
- Religion and Economy
- Culture and Environment
- New Religious Movements

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