

SYLLABUS

B.A. PART-I (P.U.)

SOCIOLOGY

SEMESTER—II

Social Stratification

Max. Marks : 100

Theory : 90 marks

Internal Assessment : 10 marks

Time : 3 Hours

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PAPER-SETTER AND THE CANDIDATES

- (i) For written paper, the students will be required to attempt **five** questions in all. Question No. 1 will be **compulsory** comprising of 12 short answer type questions of 2 marks each and will cover the entire syllabus. The students are required to attempt **nine** short answer type questions out of 12 i.e. $9 \times 2 = 18$ marks.
In addition to it. Question Nos. II to IX will consist of long answer (essay type) questions, two questions from each unit with internal choice carrying 18 marks of each i.e. $4 \times 18 = 72$ marks.
- (ii) On an average 15 hours are to be devoted for each unit.
- (iii) For private candidates, who have not been assessed earlier for internal assessment, the marks secured by them in theory paper will proportionately be increased to maximum marks of the paper in lieu of internal assessment.

The paper-setter must put note (iii) in the question paper.

Objective :

All over the world, social groups are differentiated from one another and often ranked in terms of certain criteria. In this paper, students are exposed to the theoretical understanding of social stratification. In the Indian context, it is pertinent to apprise the students of the concept of social mobility and various factors that contribute to it. The major purpose of this course is to prepare the students to understand the hierarchical structure of groups in various societies and help them understand the social mobility.

Course Content

UNIT—I

Social Stratification : Meaning, features and functions; Inequalities—social and natural.

Elements : Differentiation, Hierarchy, Ranking, Reward, Evaluation.

UNIT—II

Theories of Social Stratification

Functionalist—Davis and Moore

Conflict—Karl Marx

Class, Status, Party—Max Weber

UNIT—III

Forms of Social Stratification : Caste, Class, Race and Gender.
Interface between Caste and Class.

UNIT—IV

Social Mobility—Meaning, types, factors
Indicators—Education, Occupation, Income.