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**M.A. in Sociology
Two Years (Four Semesters) Syllabus**

Main Feature of the Syllabus

M.A. in Sociology

Semester	Paper Code	Paper Name	Theory Marks	Time	Internal Assessment Marks	Time	Total Marks	Total Time
I	Course-I	Sociological Theory	40	2.00 Hr.	10	30 Min.	50	2.30 Hr.
	Course-II	Classical Sociological Thought	40	2.00 Hr.	10	30 Min.	50	2.30 Hr.
	Course-III	Indian Sociological Thought	40	2.00 Hr.	10	30 Min.	50	2.30 Hr.
	Course-IV	Indian Society: Structure and Process	40	2.00 Hr.	10	30 Min.	50	2.30 Hr.
	Course-V	Urban and Industrial Society	40	2.00 Hr.	10	30 Min.	50	2.30 Hr.
Total							250	
II	Course-VI	Contemporary Sociological Theory	40	2.00 Hr.	10	30 Min.	50	2.30 Hr.
	Course-VII	Population and Society in India	40	2.00 Hr.	10	30 Min.	50	2.30 Hr.
	Course-VIII	Problems in Contemporary Indian Society	40	2.00 Hr.	10	30 Min.	50	2.30 Hr.
	Course-IX	Sociology of Social Movements	40	2.00 Hr.	10	30 Min.	50	2.30 Hr.
	Course-X	Research Methodology	40	2.00 Hr.	10	30 Min.	50	2.30 Hr.
Total							250	
III	Course-XI	Advanced Sociological Theory	40	2.00 Hr.	10	30 Min.	50	2.30 Hr.
	Course-XII	Quantitative Research Method	40	2.00 Hr.	10	30 Min.	50	2.30 Hr.
	Course-XIII	Qualitative Research Method	40	2.00 Hr.	10	30 Min.	50	2.30 Hr.
	Course-XIV	Rural Sociology of India	40	2.00 Hr.	10	30 Min.	50	2.30 Hr.
	Course-XV	Project Planning, Programme and Implementation	40	2.00 Hr.	10	30 Min.	50	2.30 Hr.
Total							250	
IV	Course-XVI	Society and Development	40	2.00 Hr.	10	30 Min.	50	2.30 Hr.
	Course-XVII	Globalization and Society	40	2.00 Hr.	10	30 Min.	50	2.30 Hr.
	Optional Course: Course-XVIII(a)/ Course-XVIII(b)		40	2.00 Hr.	10	30 Min.	50	2.30 Hr.
	Course-XVIII(a)	Gender Issues in India						
	Course-XVIII(b)	Environment and Society						
	Optional Course: Course-XIX(a)/ Course-XIX(b)		40	2.00 Hr.	10	30 Min.	50	2.30 Hr.
	Course-XIX(a)	Civil Society						
	Course-XIX(b)	Sociology of Health and Illness						
	Course-XX	Dissertation	40	2.00 Hr.	10	30 Min.	50	2.30 Hr.
Total							250	
Grand Total							1000	

COURSE OUTLINE

SEMESTER	CORE COURSES	OPTIONAL COURSES
ONE	5	0
TWO	5	0
THREE	5	0
FOUR	3	2

Detailed Syllabus

Semester I

Total Marks: 50X5=250

Course I: Sociological Theory

Course II: Classical Sociological Thought

Course III: Indian Sociological Thought

Course IV: Indian Society: Structure and Process

Course V: Urban and Industrial Society

Course I: Sociological Theory

Unit I: What is Sociological Theory (Definition, features, functions, and Interface between social and sociological theory).

Unit II: Functionalism
Anthropological Traditions, Parsons & Merton
Neo-Functionalist: J. Alexander

Unit III: Conflict
Critics of functional perspective,
Dahrendorf, Coser and Collins.

Unit IV: Interactionism
Blumer, Mead and Kuhn.

End semester examination: 40 marks

Internal assessment: 10 marks

Course: II: Classical Sociological Thought

Unit I: Durkheim and Weber

Unit II: Marx and C.Wright Mills

Unit III: Simmel and Pareto

Unit IV: Manheim and Veblen

End semester examination: 40 marks

Internal assessment: 10 marks

Course III: Indian Sociological Thought

Unit I: Indological/ Textual perspective:
G.S Ghurye and Louis Dumont

Unit II: Civilizational perspective
N.K.Bose and Surajit Sinha

Unit III: Structural-Functional perspective:
M.N.Srinivas and S.C.Dube

Unit IV: Marxian and Subaltern perspective:
D.P. Mukherjee , A.R. Desai, B.R.Ambedkar and David Hardiman

End semester examination: 40 marks

Internal assessment: 10 marks

Course IV: Indian Society: Structure and Process

Unit I: Caste, Class and Tribe

Unit II: Family, Marriage and Kinship in India: Structure and Change

Unit III: Tradition and Modernity in India

Unit IV: State and Nation: Secularism, Ethnicity, Pluralism and Nation-Building

End semester examination: 40 marks

Internal assessment: 10 marks

Course V: Urban and Industrial Society

Unit I: Concepts and Theories

Unit II: Approaches to the study of Urban and Industrial Society

Unit III: Urbanization and Urban Social Systems in India

Unit IV: Patterns, Processes and Problems of Urban and Industrial Society

End semester examination: 40 marks

Internal assessment: 10 marks

Semester II:

Total marks: 50X5=250

Course VI: Contemporary Sociological Theory

Course VII: Population and Society in India

Course VIII: Problems in Contemporary Indian Society

Course IX: Sociology of Social Movements

Course X: Research Methodology

Course VI: Contemporary Sociological Theory

Unit I: Study of Science
Kuhn and Popper

Unit II: Phenomenology and Ethnomethodology

Berger and Luckmann, Schutz, Garfinkle and Goffmann

Unit III: Exchange and Network Theory
Homans, Blau, Castells, and Urry

Unit IV: Frankfurt School and Critical Theoretical Traditions
Horkheimer, Adorno, Marcuse, and Habermas

End semester examination: 40 marks
Internal assessment: 10 marks

Course VII: Population and Society in India

Unit I: Basic Demographic concepts and approaches

Unit II: Demographic Theories: Malthusian and Post- Malthusian

Unit III: Demographic Trends

Unit IV: Dimensions of Population Policies in India

End semester examination: 40 marks
Internal assessment: 10 marks

Course VIII: Problems in Contemporary Indian Society

Unit I: Poverty and Destitution

Unit II: Inequalities in India: Caste and Gender

Unit III: Socio- Religious disharmonies: Minorities and Dalits

Unit IV: Family disorganization

End semester examination: 40 marks
Internal assessment: 10 marks

Course IX: Sociology of Social Movements

Unit I: Concepts and Theories

Unit II: Approaches and Types

Unit III: Old Social movements:
Working Class movements
Peasant movements
Tribe & Caste movements

Unit IV: New Social movements:
Environmental movements
Gender movements
Regional/Nativist movements

End semester examination: 40 marks

Internal assessment: 10 marks

Course X: Research Methodology

Unit I: Philosophical roots of Social Research

Unit II: Logic of Enquiry in Social Science Research

Unit III: Steps in Social Research

Unit IV: Types of Social Research

End semester examination: 40 marks

Internal assessment: 10 marks

Semester III

Total Marks: 50X5=250

Course XI: Advanced Sociological Theory

Course XII: Quantitative Research Method

Course XIII: Qualitative Research Method

Course XIV: Rural Sociology of India

Course XV: Project Planning, Programme and Implementation

Core Course XI: Advanced Sociological Theory

Unit I: Structuralism and Post Structuralism: Roland Barthes, Levi Strauss, Jacques Derrida, Michel Foucault, Jacques Lacan

Unit II: Theories of Structuration: Anthony Giddens, Pierre Bourdieu

Unit III: Feminist Social Theory: Liberal, Radical, Marxist, Post-Marxist, Black, Third World Feminism

Unit IV: Social Theory and Post Modern Turns: Georg Ritzer, Jacques Baudrillard, Zygmunt Bauman

End semester examination: 40 marks

Internal assessment: 10 marks

Core Course XII: Quantitative Research Method

Unit I: Techniques of Quantitative Research: Census and Survey; Types of Research Design

Unit II: Steps in Social Research: Formulation of Hypothesis; Sampling Design

Unit III: Tools and Techniques of data collection: Questionnaire, Schedule and Interview

Unit IV: Analysis of Quantitative data: Basic statistical techniques and measures

End semester examination: 40 marks

Internal assessment: 10 marks

Core Course XIII: Qualitative Research Method

Unit I: Techniques of Qualitative Research: Participant Observation and Ethnographic Research

Unit II: Observation and Case studies; Content analysis; Narrative analysis

Unit III: Oral history & Life history

Unit IV: Methodological Triangulation; Semiotics

End semester examination: 40 marks

Internal assessment: 10 marks

Core Course XIV: Rural Sociology of India

Unit I: Village studies and development of Rural Sociology in India

Unit II: Rural Social Structure: Caste, Kinship and Communities

Unit III: Rural Society in India as agrarian and peasant social structure

Unit IV: Rural Society in transition- Panchayat, Rural development and planning

End semester examination: 40 marks

Internal assessment: 10 marks

Core Course V: Project Planning, Programme and Implementation

Students are required to prepare a review of literature on a proposed topic for dissertation. They are also required to conduct a pilot study.

End semester examination: 40 marks

Internal assessment: 10 marks

Semester IV:

Total marks: 50X5=250

Course XVI: Society and Development

Course XVII: Globalization and Society

Optional Courses: (any two papers are to be offered out of four)

Course XVIII (a): Gender Issues in India

Course XVIII (b): Environment and Society

Course XIX (a): Civil Society

Course XIX (b): Sociology of Health and Illness

Course XX: Dissertation

Core Course XVI: Society and Development

Unit I: Conceptual perspectives on Development

Unit II: Theories and approaches of Development and Under-Development; Alternative Theories of Development and Post Development

Unit III: India in Development Perspective

Unit IV: Discontent, Disparity and Deprivation

End semester examination: 40 marks

Internal assessment: 10 marks

Core Course XVII: Globalization and Society

Unit I: Globalization and Society: Concepts, Approaches and Perspectives

Unit II: Theories on Globalization; Agencies of Globalization

Unit III: Globalization and Culture

Unit IV: Globalization and its dynamics in India

End semester examination: 40 marks

Internal assessment: 10 marks

Optional Course XVIII (a): Gender Issues in India

Unit I: Theoretical Perspectives

Unit II: Gender in Institutional Context; Issues in Family

Unit III: Issues at Work and access to resources

Unit IV: Gender specific violence and crime; Women's Organization and Movements in India

End semester examination: 40 marks

Internal assessment: 10 marks

Optional Course XVIII (b): Environment and Society

Unit I: Sociology of Environment: Concepts and Approaches; Ecology

and Environment

Unit II: Issues and Livelihood

Unit III: Environmental movements

Unit IV: Initiatives and Policies for Environmental Sustainability

End semester examination: 40 marks

Internal assessment: 10 marks

Optional Course XIX (a): Civil Society

Unit I: Conceptualizing Civil Society

Unit II: Multi layered of Civil Society; Society, Religion, State and Market

Unit III: Civil Society in India: Mediating institutions; Civil Society and Communities of birth

Unit IV: Voluntary organizations; Civil Society, social action and development: issues and practices

End semester examination: 40 marks

Internal assessment: 10 marks

Optional Course XIX (b): Sociology of Health and Illness

Unit I: Medical Sociology: Perspectives; Determinants of Illness in Contemporary society

Unit II: The Doctor and the Patient: Relational Perspectives; Social and Cultural Dimensions of Health, Illness and Treatment

Unit III: Medicine as an institution of social control; Health and Social Structure

Unit IV: Role of State in Health Care Initiative; Financing Health Care and Insurance sector

End Semester Examination: 40 marks

Internal Assessment: 10 marks

Core Course XX: Dissertation

Students are required to conduct a field study involving data collection on a selected topic, analyze the data and write a Research report. Students are also required to appear for a Viva-Voce on the prepared dissertation.

Marks distribution:

30 marks allotted for Report Writing and 20 marks for Viva-Voce. Viva-Voce will also include the component of Internal Assessment (10 marks).

