SOCIOLOGY (SOCG)

Class – XI

FULL MARKS – 100

Theory : 80 Marks + Project : 20 Marks

Unit 1: Introducing Sociology

- What is Sociology – 'Sociological Imagination' – C. W. Mills; Sociological perspectives – Functionalist, Conflict, Symbolic Interaction, Feminist & Post Modernist; Sociological and its relationship with other social sciences (viz. Anthropology, Political Science, Economics, Philosophy, Psychology and History)
- Emergence of Sociology as an academic discipline – different forces : University Revolution (a very brief outline)
- Scientific nature of Sociology
- Sociological Methods – Quantitative & Qualitative; Positivist & Interactionist methods; Research methodology: Social research, Stages of research, Social survey, Observation, Questionnaire, Interview
- Use of statistical tools & techniques – graphical representation of statistical data – grouping of data (pie-chart, bar-diagram, histogram, frequency polygon)

Unit 2: Basic Sociological Concepts

- Society – Concept, Structure and Process
- Community & Association – Concept, Interrelationship and Differences
- Organization – Concept and Types
- Social Groups – Typology (special reference to Primary and Secondary Groups)

Unit 3: Culture, Social Interaction and Formation of Self

- Meaning and Importance
- Components of Culture – Values, Norms, Beliefs, Folkways, Mores, Laws, Language and Technology
- Types of Culture – Material & Non-material Culture, Culture and Civilization, Cultural lag, Sub- culture, Popular Culture, Folk Culture, Consumer Culture, Culture Pluralism (a very brief outline)

- Social Interaction – Verbal and Non verbal interaction
- Socialization - Concept, Meaning, Agencies, Importance, Life Course, Socialized vs. Unsocialized children
- Socialization and Development of Personality (Cooley, Mead) – Nature vs. Nurture debate
- Socialization and Social control – Relationship and Importance
- Social Conformity, Non conformity, Deviance and Delinquency (very briefly)
- Crime – Concepts and Types (Gender crime, Organized crime, Cyber crime and White
  Collar crime)

Unit 4: Social Institutions

- Meaning and Interrelationship among different institutions
- Marriage and Family – Origin, Meaning, Features, Types, Significance – Global trends in Marriage & Family – Cohabitation, Single Parent Family, Divorce rates, Homosexual Family, ''In-Vitro" Fertilization – Kinship (in brief : Terminologies and Importance, Descent, Lineage, Sib & Clan)
- Economy – Types of Economic Systems – Means of Subsistence (in brief)
  - Direct Appropriation Economy
  - Pastoral Economy
  - Agricultural Economy
  - Handicraft Economy
  - Industrial Economy

  Preliminary Concepts – Utility, Wealth, Property, Capital, Consumer Goods, Market
- Politics – State (Definition and Significance) – Government (in brief : Concepts and Types, viz. Democracy, Dictatorship, Federal, Unitary, Republic, Monarchy, Presidential, Parliamentary) – Power and Authority (Nature and Differences)
- Religion, Magic and Science – Basic Concepts, Relationship and Differences
- Education – Meaning & Concepts, Functions of Education
- Health, Illness & Ageing – Concepts (A brief idea about mental health)

Unit 5: <u>Social Stratification and Inequality</u>

- Social Stratification – Concept, Bases of Social Inequality (Caste, Class, Race and Gender) Marxian concept of social stratification
- Social Mobility – Concept, Types (Vertical and Horizontal Mobility)

Project Work: 20 Marks

Suggested Areas for Assignment:

1) Sociological Perspectives
2) Culture, Interaction and Formation of Self (Unit 3)
3) Health, Illness and Ageing

N.B. Topics for assignment should be altered every year from the suggested areas. Two assignments should be completed in each year. Size of the assignment should be around 500 words. Marks will be awarded jointly by the internal and external examiners on the basis of the written assignments and viva-voce.

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