

SOCIOLOGY (Preliminary)

1. Unit I: Basic Concepts

Society, community, association, Institution, Culture-culture change, diffusion, Cultural Tag, Cultural relativism, ethnocentrism, acculturation

Social Groups - primary, secondary & reference groups,
Social Structures, social system, social action Status & role, role conflict, role set
Norms & values-conformity & deviance. Law & Customs

Socio - Cultural Processes:

Socialization, assimilation, integration, cooperation, competition, conflict, accommodation, Social distance, relative deprivation

2. Unit II: Marriage, Family & Kinship:

Marriage: types & norms, marriage as contract & as sacrament

Family: types, functions & changes

Kinships: terms & usage's, rules of residence, descent, inheritance

3. Unit III: Social Stratification:

Forms & functions: Caste & Class, Jajmani System, purity & pollution, dominant caste, sanskritization

4. Unit IV: Types of Society:

Tribal, agrarian, industrial & post-industrial

5. Unit V: Economy & Society:

Man, Nature & social production, economic systems of simple & complex societies, non-economic determinants of economic behaviour, market (free) economy & controlled (planned) economy

6. Unit VI: Industrial & Urban Society:

Rural-Urban Continuum, Urban growth & urbanization-town, city & metropolis; basic features of industrial society; impact of automation on society; industrialization & environment

7. Unit VII: Social Demography:

Population size, growth, composition, & distribution in India; components of population

growth-births, deaths & migration; cause & consequences of population growth; population & social development; population policy

8. Unit VIII: Political Processes:

Power, Authority & Legitimacy; political socialization; political modernization, pressure groups; caste & politics

9. Unit IX: Weaker Section & Minorities:

Social justice-equal opportunity & special opportunity; protective discrimination; constitutional safeguards

10. Unit X: Social Changes:

Theories of change, factors of change science, technology & change. Social movements: Women's Movement, Backward Caste Movement, Peasant Movement & Dalit Movement

