

SEMESTER 3
Principles of Sociology

Course: 75 hours

Objectives

1. To internalise the basic building blocks of sociological concepts.
2. To appreciate the function of the social system.
3. To critically analyse the basic principles of sociology.

Chapter 1

The study of human society (10 hours)

Human versus animal society – basic features of society – societal necessities – bio-social system.

Chapter 2 Culture (15 hours)

Culture – nature – elements – cultural system and sub systems – theories of culture.

Chapter 3 Socialization (15 hours)

Meaning – types – pre-requisites – internalized objects – conditions of learning – stages of socialization – theories of Durkheim, Jane Pejon.

Chapter 4 Deviance and control (15 hours)

Concept of deviance – types of deviance – deviance as a process – social control – agencies of social control.

Chapter 5 Social stratification (10 hours)

- a) Meaning and basic characteristics – recent debates
- b) Concept of social mobility- meaning and types.

Chapter 6: Social mobility (10 hours)

Recent views on social mobility: American socialist and functionalist perspective- concept of social mobility- types of social mobility.

Books

- 1) Harry. M Johnson: Sociology – a systematic introduction, allied publishers, Bombay (1966)
- 2) Bottomore: Sociology – a guide to problems and literature, Blackie and sons India Ltd (1972)
- 3) Metta Spencer: Foundation of modern Sociology, Prince Hall Englewood Cliff, New Jersey(1979)
- 4) Kingsley Davis: Human society, Surjeeth Publications, Delhi (1981)
- 5) Melvin M , Tumin: Social Stratification to the Forms and Functions of inequality)
- 6) Neil J Smelser: sociology (4th edition)- Prentice hall New Delhi
- 7) Raymond Aron- Main currents in social thought.