

SYLLABUS FOR MASTER OF PHILOSOPHY COURSES

Paper I, divided into two (2) groups, is compulsory. Paper II consists of four (4) groups, of which any two will have to be chosen by the student. Each group carries a total of 50 marks, and the student will have to answer two (2) questions of 25 marks each in the concerned group.

PAPER—I

GROUP-A:

ADVANCED SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY

1. INTRODUCTION:

Visions of Sociological Theory

2. STRUCTURAL FUNCTIONALISM:

Talcott Parsons — Robert K. Merton — Lewis S. Coser —
N. Luhmann

3. CONFLICT PERSPECTIVES:

Karl Marx — Ralph Dahrendorf — C. Wright Mills

4. MICROSOCIOLOGIES:

Ethnomethodology, Phenomenology, and Erving Goffman

5. EXCHANGE THEORY AND RATIONAL CHOICE THEORY:

George Homans and James Coleman

6. PRACTICE THEORY:

Pierre Bourdieu and Anthony Giddens

7. THE REVENGE OF MODERNITY:

Michel Foucault and J. Habermas

8. NETWORK THEORIES

9. WORLD SYSTEMS THEORY

10. THEORIES OF GENDER

11. SOCIOBIOLOGY

GROUP —B:
**SOCIOLOGICAL RESEARCH METHODS AND
SOCIAL STATISTICS**

1. THEORY, METHODOLOGY AND RESEARCH:
Competing Paradigms and Perspectives
2. HISTORICAL RESEARCH METHODOLOGY AND METHODS: An Overview
3. QUALITATIVE RESEARCH METHODOLOGY AND METHODS: An Overview
4. QUANTITATIVE RESEARCH METHODOLOGY AND METHODS: An Overview
5. MULTI METHOD/TRIANGULATION RESEARCH METHODS: An Overview
6. FOUNDATION OF STATISTICAL ANALYSES:
A Review of the Fundamental Concepts
7. DESCRIPTIVE STATISTICS:
An Introduction and Its Applications to Sociological Research
8. INFRENTIAL STATISTICS, STATISTICAL ESTIMATION AND PREDICTION:
Their Applications to Sociological Research
9. COMPUTER:
Its Applications to Sociological Research
10. STATISTICAL PACKAGE FOR SOCIAL SCIENCES (SPSS):
A Review of Its Applications

PAPER II
GROUP —A:

**SELECTED ASPECTS OF THE SOCIOLOGY OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY,
AND ENVIRONMENT**

1. THINKING ABOUT SOCIOLOGY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY:
An Introduction to the Field and Its Issues
2. SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, AND SOCIETY:
Reviewing Theoretical Perspectives on Their Interaction
(Post-Industrial, Information, Knowledge, Risk and Network
Societies):
3. SOCIOLOGY OF SCIENCE:
An Overview of Competing Perspectives
4. SOCIOLOGY OF TECHNOLOGY:
An Overview of Competing Perspectives
5. SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND GENDER:
An Overview of Theoretical Perspectives and Leading Issues
6. SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY:
Issues and Dimensions including R&D and Innovation
7. SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THEIR ROLE IN SOCIAL CHANGE
AND DEVELOPMENT: Technology Transfer, Appropriate
Technology and Foreign Aid

8. SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY:
Redesigning Production, Work, Organization, and Occupations
9. INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES:
Their Role in the State Politics, and Military
10. DIGITAL DIVIDE, AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY:
Their Role in Social Movements and Human Rights
11. THE BASICS OF SOCIOLOGY AND THE ENVIRONMENT: An Overview
12. THE ISSUES AT STAKE: Causes of Environmental Degradation
13. ENVIRONMENTALISM: A Review of Dominant Perspectives
14. ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE: Reviewing the Arguments
15. ENVIRONMENTAL MOVEMENTS AND/OR DISASTERS:
Selected Case Studies
16. THE NEW PARADIGM: Sustainable Development

**GROUP—B:
SOCIOLOGY OF MEDICINE AND AGING**

1. INTRODUCTION TO MEDICAL SOCIOLOGY:
Defining the Nature and Scope of the Field – Sociological Perspectives on Health and Illness
2. THE SOCIAL PRODUCTION/CONSTRUCTION OF ILLNESS:
Reviewing the Roles of Gender, Sex, Class, Poverty, Occupational and Environmental Hazards, and Individual Rights vs. Individual Responsibility
3. THE CULTURAL SHAPING OF HEALTH AND ILLNESS:
The Experience of Illness and the Politics of Breast Cancer and AIDS
4. THE RISE OF MEDICAL AUTHORITY:
The Dominance of Physicians and the Emergence of Medical Professionalism – The Nursing: The Caring Health Labour Force
5. THE DOCTOR AND THE PATIENT:
Their Rights and Responsibilities and Their Changing Relationships
6. BECOMING A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER:
The Socialization of the Physicians – The Medical School, and Internships and Residency
7. MEDICINE AS AN INSTITUTION OF SOCIAL CONTROL:
Increasing Medicalisation
8. ETHICAL DIMENSIONS IN MEDICINE AND NEW MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIES:
The Moral Order and Medical Ethics – The Role of Medical Technology and Transplants

9. SOCIOLOGY OF AGING:
 - An Introduction to The Field of Gerontology
10. AGING: Physiology of Aging and Its Impact on Health and Illness
11. AGING: The Psychological Dimensions
12. AGING: Reviewing Competing Sociological Theories
13. AGING: The Economic Aspects
14. AGING: Relating It to Differing Social Contexts
15. AGING: Aspects of Widowhood, Death, and Bereavement
16. AGING: Reviewing the Public Policies and the Role of the State

GROUP—C:

SELECTED ISSUES IN INDIAN SOCIETY

1. STUDYING INDIAN SOCIETY: An Overview of Competing Approaches
2. PRE-COLONIAL INDIAN SOCIAL FORMATION:
 - Mode(s) of Production, Class/Caste Structures, State, and Patriarchy
3. COLONIAL INDIA: Mode(s) of Production, Class/Caste Structures, State, and Patriarchy
4. POST-COLONIAL INDIA: Mode(s) of Production, and Economic Development
5. POST-COLONIAL INDIA: Reviewing the Emerging Class Structure - Against the Backdrop of Agrarian Reforms and Industrial Development
6. POST-COLONIAL INDIA: Changing Role of Castes, Tribes, Backward Classes, and Dalits in India
7. POST-COLONIAL INDIA: Formation, Nature, and Role of the State and Politics in India
8. POST-COLONIAL INDIA: Marriage and Family Systems in India
9. POST-COLONIAL INDIA: Exploring Facets of Rural and Urban Development in India
10. POST-COLONIAL INDIA: Patriarchy and Its Changing Forms in India
11. POST-COLONIAL INDIA: Exploring Dimensions of Social Change in India
12. CONTRIBUTIONS OF SELECTED INDIAN SOCIOLOGISTS

SOCIOLOGY OF CRIME, DEVIANCE AND HUMAN RIGHTS

1. INTRODUCTION: Crime, Deviance, Punishment, and Human Rights – An Overview
2. CRIME AND DEVIANCE: Different Theories and Explanations
3. PUNISHMENT: Different Theories and Explanations
4. CRIME AND MASS MEDIA: An Overview
5. CRIME AND MENTAL ILLNESS: A Review of Sociological Approaches
6. CRIME AND STIGMA: Exploring Their Relationships
7. WHITE COLLAR CRIME: Approaches to and Explanations of White Collar Crimes
8. CRIME AND DRUGS: An Exploration of Their Linkages
9. POLITICS AND CRIME: A Review of the Different Dimensions of Their Linkages and Forms
10. COMPUTER CRIME: Different Perspectives on Cyber Crime and Its Related Issues
11. CRIME AND HUMAN RIGHTS: Theories, Issues, and Movement

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