

M.A (SOCIOLOGY) – FIRST SEMESTER

First Semester			
S. No.	Name of Subject	Credits	Total Marks
1	Sociology of Kinship	6	100
2	Sociological Theories	6	100
3	Sociological theory: Some Conceptual Issues	5	100
4	Sociology of India-I	5	100
Total		22	

Subject Name: SOCIOLOGY OF KINSHIP

1. What is kinship?
 - (a) The formation of kinship as an object of study
 - (b) Is kinship universal?
2. Studying kinship
 - (a) Descent, residence and inheritance
 - (b) Marriage alliance
 - (c) Official and practical kinship
 - (d) Cultural constructions
 - (e) Relatedness
3. Transformations in the family, marriage and property
 - (a) Family and marriage
 - (b) Kinship and Property
 - (c) Honour shame and violence
4. New areas in the study of kinship (any two in one semester)
 - (a) Reproductive technologies and reconfigured kinship
 - (b) Gay and lesbian kinship
 - (c) Kinship and genetics

Recommended Readings:

1. Trautmann, T. R. Lewis Henry Morgan and the Invention of Kinship, Berkeley: University of California Press, 1987. (Selected chapters).
2. Schneider, David Schneider. 1984. A critique of the study of kinship, Michigan: University of Michigan Press, selected chapters.

3. Parkin, Robert, and Linda Stone, (ed.). *Kinship and Family: An Anthropological Reader*, U.S.A.: Blackwell, 2000, selected chapters.
4. Carsten J. (ed.). *Cultures of Relatedness: New Approaches to the Study of Kinship*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2000, selected chapters.
5. Levi-Strauss, Claude. *The Elementary Structures of Kinship*, London: Eyre and Spottiswoode, 1969.
6. Schneider, David M. *American Kinship: A Cultural account*, N.J.: Prentice-Hall, 1968.
7. Marilyn Strathern. 2005. *Kinship, law and the unexpected: relatives are always a surprise*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, Introduction, Chapter 1.

Subject Name: SOCIOLOGICAL THEORIES

1. The Development of Sociology in the 19th Century
2. Karl Marx:
 - a) Transition from Pre-Capitalist to Capitalist Social Formations
 - b) Capitalism and Commodity Production
 - c) Class and Class Conflict
3. Max Weber:
 - a) Social Action: Basic Concepts and Terms
 - b) Methodologies of the Social Sciences
 - c) Religion and Social Change
4. Emile Durkheim:
 - a) Sociology as Science
 - b) The Division of Labour and Forms of Solidarity
 - c) Systems of Classification

Suggested Readings:

1. Nisbet, R.A. 1967. *The Sociological Tradition*. London: Heinemann.
2. Abrams, P. 1968. *The Origins of British Sociology*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
3. Marx, K. 1964. *Pre-capitalist Economic Formations*. London: Lawrence and Wishart.
4. Marx, K. 1954. *Capital - Vol. I*. Moscow: Progress Publishers. (Chapters 1, 10 and 14).
5. Marx, K. 1924. *The Class Struggle in France (1848-1850)*. New York: New York Labour News.
6. Marx, K. and F. Engels. 1976. *The Manifesto of the Communist Party*, in *Marx & Engels Collected Works - Vol. 6*. London: Lawrence and Wishart.
7. Weber, M. 1949. *The Methodology of the Social Sciences*. New York: Free Press.

Subject Name: SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY: Some Conceptual Issues

1. Self, Interaction, Event:
 - (a) Self and other in the social act
 - (b) Multiple Realities
 - (c) The 'doing' of social life
2. System and Structure:
 - (a) From action to systems
 - (b) Models and relationships

3. Discourse, Genealogy, Practice:
 - (a) The emergence of the subject and disciplinary power
 - (b) Habitus and embodiment
 - (c) Spatial practices

Select Readings:

1. Mead, George Herbert, *On Social Psychology*, Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1964, Selected Chapters.
2. Luckmann, Thomas ed., *Phenomenology and Sociology, Selected Readings*, Middlesex: Penguin Books, 1978, (Chap.12).
3. Schutz, Alfred, *On Phenomenology and Social Relations, Selected Writings*, Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1970, (72-78).
4. Bourdieu, Pierre, *The Logic of Practice*, Cambridge: Polity Press, 1990 (Book 1, Chaps: 3,4,5,6,7,8).
5. Berger, Peter L. and Thomas Luckmann, *The social construction of reality*, London: Allen Lane The Penguin Press, 1966, Part 1.
6. Peter Berger 'Marriage and the social construction of reality: An exercise in microsociology of knowledge' in David Cheal (ed.) *Family: Critical concepts in sociology*, New York: Routledge, vol.1.
7. Goffman, Erving, *Stigma: Notes on the Management of Spoiled Identity*, Prentice-Hall, 1963.
8. Garfinkel, Harold, *Studies in Ethnomethodology*, Cambridge: Polity Press, 1984, (Chaps: 1, 2, 5).
9. Simmel, George, *On Individuality and Social Forms*, Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1971, (Chaps: 3).
10. Levi-Strauss, Claude *Structural Anthropology*, Harmondsworth: Penguin, 1963, Selected chapters.
11. Levi-Strauss, Claude, *The Savage Mind*, London, Weidenfeld and Nicholson, 1966 Selected Chapters.
12. Luhmann, Niklas, *The Differentiation of Society*, New York: Columbia University Press, 1992, Chapter 3.
13. Rabinow, Paul ed., *The Foucault Reader*, London: Penguin Books, 1984 (ps. 51-120,170-289).
14. Foucault, Michel, *The Archaeology of Knowledge*, New York: Pantheon Books 1971, (Chaps. 1,2).

Subject Name: SOCIOLOGY OF INDIA-I

1. Development of Sociology and Social Anthropology of India; Approaches to the Study of Indian Society.
2. Caste-Structure and Change:
 - a) Tribe and Caste
 - b) Nature and Forms of Caste
 - c) Caste in Relation to Other Social Groups and Institutions (such as Religion, Economy and Polity)
 - d) Caste and Locality (Village, Town and Region)
3. Aspects of Rural Social Structure:
 - a) Nature of Village Community
 - b) Change in Village Community
 - c) Village, Region and Civilization
4. Family, Kinship and Marriage:

- a) Nature of Family and Kinship
 - b) Marriage: patterns of Exchange and Presentation
 - c) Family, Economy and Law
5. Religion in India:
- a) Ideology
 - b) Social Organization
 - c) Religious Movements

Suggested Readings:

1. Articles under the title 'For a Sociology of India', Contributions to Indian Sociology. (Old series and New series)
2. Cohn, B.S. 1987. An Anthropologist among Historians. Delhi: Oxford University Press.
3. Ghurye, G.S. 1963. The Scheduled Tribes. Bombay: Popular Prakashan.
4. Bose, N.K. 1975. The Structure of Hindu Society. Delhi: Orient Longman.
5. Dumont, L. 1980. Homo Hierarchicus. University of Chicago Press.
6. Mayer, A. 1960. Caste and Kinship in Central India. London: Routledge and Kegan Paul.
7. Marriott, M. (eds.). 1961. Village India: Studies in the Little Community. Delhi: Asia Publishing House.
8. Srinivas, M.N. 1987. The Dominant Caste and Other Essays. Delhi: Oxford University Press.
9. Gough, K. 1981. Rural Society in South-East-India. Cambridge University Press.
10. Shah, A.M. 1973. The Household Dimension of the Family in India. Delhi: Orient Longman.
11. Articles on Kinship and Marriage. 1975. Contributions to Indian Sociology (N. S.), 9(2).
12. Srinivas, M.N. 1987. The Cohesive Role of Sanskritization and other Essays. Delhi: Oxford University Press.
13. Marriott, M. (ed.). 1990. India Through Hindu Categories. Delhi: Sage Publications. (Chapter 1).
14. Ahmad, I. (ed.). 1981. Ritual and Religion among Muslims in India. Delhi: Manohar.