

SOCIOLOGY SYLLABUS

( Effective from 1989 )

Scheme of Examination :

The Examination in Sociology offered as a subject for the General Degree Examination in Arts (External) shall consist of three papers of three hours each, as follows:

SOCIOLOGY	I (SSG 1)	: Theories and Methods in Sociology
SOCIOLOGY	II (SSG 2)	: Applied Sociology
SOCIOLOGY	III (SSG 3)	: Sociology of South Asia

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SOCIOLOGY I (SSG 1) : Theories and Methods in Sociology

This paper consists of two parts. Part one deals with classical and modern theories in Sociology. Part two assesses the candidates' knowledge in relation to the problem of scientific enquiry and techniques of sociological research.

Part One : Sociological Theory

1. The historical and sociological background of the development of sociology.
2. Classical Sociological Thought
  - a. Evolutionary and organic models of society.
  - b. The contributions by Marx, Durkheim and Weber.
3. Modern Sociological Theories
  - a. Functionalism
  - b. Conflict Theories
  - c. Social Interactionism

Part Two : Research Methods

1. The scientific method and the nature of social sciences.
2. Types of sociological investigation; historical research vs field research, exploratory vs hypothesis-testing studies.
3. Types of research designs; Field Studies and Surveys.
4. Research process, problem identification, definition of concepts and operationalisation of research design.
5. Data collection methods, use of records, observation, questionnaires and interviews.
6. Processing and analysis of data; problems of measurement, basic statistical calculations with special reference to measures of central tendency and dispersion.

Recommended Readings

Part 1

- R ARON - Main currents in Sociological Thought. New York : Doubleday, 1965 (2 volumes)
- R BENDIX - Max Weber : An Intellectual Portrait. New York : Doubleday, 1970.
- R S DENISOFF - Theories and Paradigms in Contemporary Sociology.
- O CALLAHAN & M H LEVINE (ed.) - Itasca, Ill : F.E. Peacock Publishers Inc., 1974.
- H H GERTH & C W MILLS (ed.) - From Max Weber : Essays in Sociology. London : Routledge and Kegan Paul, 1945.
- M HARRIS - The Rise of Anthropological Theory. London: Routledge and Kegan Paul, 1979.
- D MARTINDALE - The Nature and Types of Sociological Theory. Boston: Houghton - Mifflin Co, 1981.
- R K MERTON - Social Theory and Social Structure. Glencoe : The Free Press, 1957.
- W WALLACE - Sociological Theory : An Introduction, London : Heinemann, 1969.

Part 11

- R BONDON - The Logic of Sociological Explanation. Harmondsworth: Penguin Education and Publications, 1974.
- N DENZIAN - Sociological Methods. London: Butterworth, 1970.
- M MORRISON - Methods in Sociology, Sociology in Focus Series. London : Longman, 1986.

J F RUNCIE - Experiencing Social Research. Illinois :  
The Dorsey Press, 1975

C SELLECI, M JANODA, M DEUTSCH & S W COOK (ed.) - Research Methods In Social Relations. New York :  
Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 1962.

M A SPIEGEL - Schauman's Outline of Theory and Problems of  
Statistics. New York : Schaums Publishing Co,  
1962 (ch. 1-4).

SOCIOLOGY II (SSG 2) : Applied Sociology

In this paper candidates will be tested on their knowledge of the practical use of sociology in the fields of research, development and social welfare. The following topics are included.

1. The scope, different approaches and usefulness of Applied sociology.
2. Sociological approaches to social welfare.
3. The role of applied sociology in development, policy making and planning with special reference to Sri Lanka.
4. Sociological approaches to community development and sociology of resettlement schemes.
5. Sociological approaches to Health Care Systems with special reference to Sri Lanka; understanding of health, disease and illness in the socio-cultural context, doctor-patient relationship and treatment pattern, health care planning and health care programmes.
6. The problem of ethnicity and nation building in the Third World.
7. Applied sociology and social problems.
  - a. Crime and Deviance; Prostitution, Suicide, Drug Addiction.
  - b. Poverty and
  - c. Population.

Recommended Readings

AGRARIAN RESEARCH AND TRAINING INSTITUTE - Land Settlement in Sri Lanka, 1840-1975; a review of the major writings on the subject. (by) A O Ellman and others, Colombo 1975.

P F BARLETT - Agricultural Decision Making: Anthropological Contribution to Rural Development. New York: Academic Press, 1980.

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- D A CHEKKI - Community Development: Theory and Method of Planned Change. New Delhi: Vikas Publishing House, 1979.
- E COLSON - The Social Consequences of Resettlement: The Impact of the Kariba Resettlement upon the Qwembe Tonga. Manchester: Manchester University Press, 1971.
- J. D. DOUGLAS & F.C. WAKSLAR - The Sociology of Deviance. Boston: Little Brown and Co, 1982.
- G M. FOSTER - Applied Anthropology. Boston: Little, Brown and Co, 1969.
- H. FREEMAN et al., (eds) - Applied Sociology. San Francisco: Jossey Bass, 1983.
- V. GEORGE - Ideology and Social Welfare. London: Routledge and Kegan Paul, 1976.
- D NATHAN & D F MOYNTAN- Ethnicity: Theory and Experience. Cambridge, (eds) Mass: Harvard University Press, 1978.
- A W GOULDNER & S M MILLER - Applied Sociology. New York: The Free Press, 1965.
- C HELMAN - Culture, Health and Illness, Bristol: Weight P.S.Q., 1984.
- M R KHAN & EDDY LEE - Poverty in Rural Asia. Bangkok: ILO; (eds) Asian Development Programme, 1984.
- O MEHMET - Economic Planning and Social Justice in Developing Countries. London: CroomHelm, 1978.
- N MENDIS - Heroin & Addiction among Young People: a New Development in Sri Lanka. Bulletin on Narcotics. Vol. 27, Nos. 2 & 3.
- R PIERIS - Social Development and Planning in Asia. New Delhi: Abhinav Publications, 1976.
- " - Asian Development Styles. New Delhi: Abhinav Publications, 1977.
- R PINKER - Social Theory and Social Policy. London: Heinemann Educational Books, 1971.
- N RATHNAPALA - Alcoholism in a Sinhalese Village. Dehiwala: Sarvodaya Research Institute, 1980.
- K T SILVA - Prostitution in Sri Lanka: A Country Paper. Bangkok: Economic and Social Commission for Asia and Pacific, 1985.
- SOCIAL SCIENTIST ASSOCIATION - Ethnicity and Social Change. Colombo, 1984.
- P R SPICER - Human Problems in Technological Change: A Casebook. New York: Russell Sage Foundation, 1952.

- J S UPDAL - Economic Development in South Asia. New Delhi: Tata McGraw - Hill Publishing Co, 1977.
- R STARK - Social Problems. Toronto: Random House, 1975.
- J. VAN WILLIGEN - Applied Anthropology. Massachusetts: Bergin & Quarvey Publishers, 1986.

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SOCIOLOGY III (SSG 3) : Sociology of South Asia

This paper deals with the social organization and culture of South Asia with special reference to India and Sri Lanka. The following topics are included:

1. Historical, geographical and cultural background of South Asia.
2. The concept of peasant society and culture as applied to South Asia; the contributions by Robert Redfield, Eric Wolf, G.M.Foster Mckim Marriott, D.G.Mandelbaum and Gananath Obeyesekere.
3. Sociology of Hinduism and Buddhism, with a focus on religious revival and change during the 20th century.
4. Caste in India and Sri Lanka: nations of purity and pollution; jajmani system; sanskritization; the role caste in modern society.
5. Kinship and marriage; Dravidian Kinship terminology; Hindu joint family; Deega and Binna forms of marriage in Kandyan Society; dowry system; cross-cousin marriage; the changing aspects of kinship and marriage.
6. The Ayurvedic system of medicine; its conceptual basis and revival in modern times.
7. Continuity and change in South Asia.

Recommended Readings

- M AMES - Ideological and Social Change in Ceylon. Human Organization 22 (1), 1963: 45-63.
- F.G.BAILEY - Tribe, Caste and Nation. Manchester: Manchester University Press, 1958.
- A.R.BEALS - Gopalpur: A South Indian Village. New York: Holt, Rinehart & Winston, 1962.
- L.DUMONT - Homo Hierarchichus. London: Weidenfeld and Nicolson, 1970.
- E.R.LEACH (Ed) - Aspects of Caste in South India, Ceylon and North-West Pakistan. Cambridge; Cambridge University Press, 1960.

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