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Department of Sociology Undergraduate Syllabus MINOR (Non-Lab Based Course)

Minor Discipline Paper 1 (MA-1) Semester – I Credits – 5 (75 Hours)

INTRODUCING SOCIOLOGY

1. Sociology: The Discipline (15hrs)

1.1 Definition and Scope

1.2 Relationship with Anthropology and History

2. Basic Concepts (45hrs)

2.1 Society; social interaction; community; association; institution; culture; cultural lag; social structure; social system; social action; status and role; role conflict; role set; norms and values; folkways and mores; conformity and deviance; law and customs;

2.2 Socialization: Concept; Processes and Agencies, nature-nurture debate

2.3 Social Processes: Integrative and Disintegrative

2.4 Social Control: Types and Agencies

2.5. Social Groups: Concept, Types

2.6 Social Stratification: Concept; Forms, Social Mobility

Reading References

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Minor Discipline Paper 2 (MA-2) Semester – II Credits – 5 (75 Hours)

INTRODUCING INDIAN SOCIETY – I

1. India: Unity and Diversity (10 hrs.)

2. Basic Social Institutions (25 hrs.)

2.1 Caste: Concept, features, and critique

2.2 Family: Traditional Joint Family and its disintegration debate

2.3. Village: Village solidarity, Agrarian Class structure

3. Contemporary social issues and mobilizations (25 hrs.)

3.1 Farmers' movement

3.2 Dalit movement

3.3 Women's movement

Reading References

- Dube, S.C. 2005. *Indian Society. Bharatiya Samaj* (in Bengali). New Delhi: National Book Trust.
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Credit Distribution for Minor Courses:

Credit Distribution for each course: Lecture (4) = 60 hours

Tutorial (1) = 15 hours

Total: 5 Credits = 75 hours



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Semester – III

Minor Discipline Paper 3

Credits – 5 (75 Hours)

SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY **PAPER CODE – SOCMIN303T**

Course Objective:

The course aims to provide a general introduction to sociological theories, classical as well as contemporary. Highlighting the plurality of sociological perspectives, it attempts to acquaint the students with some of the major theoretical orientations in Sociology.

Course Outline:

1. Plurality of Sociological Perspective (10hrs.)

2. Functionalism (20hrs.)

2.1 Analytical Functionalism: Talcott Parsons

2.2 Empirical Functionalism: Robert K. Merton

3. Conflict Perspective (10hrs.)

3.1 Ralf Dahrendorf

3.2. Lewis Coser

4. Interactionism (10hrs.)

4.1 G.H. Mead

4.2 Herbert Blumer



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5. Feminist Perspective (10hrs)

5.1 Liberal feminism

5.2 Radical feminism

5.3 Marxist feminism

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