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Autonomous Institution
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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

First Year BA - First Semester

PAPER TITLE: PRINCIPLES OF SOCIOLOGY - PART 1

(60 Hours)

UNIT - 1

(15 Hours)

Introduction to sociology: The concept of Sociology - origin, meaning and definitions-Pre-history of Sociology-Philosophy of history and social surveys-Features of early Sociology-Subject matter of Sociology - Three paths - Historical approach - August Comte, Herbert Spencer, Durkheim and Max Weber. The Empirical approach Sociological text books, Researcher's field of competence and elite preference. The Analytical approach. Sociological point of view - Value of Sociology.

UNIIT - 2

(10 Hours)

Basic Sociological Concepts: Society - Meaning and characteristics - Community Meaning and characteristics. Association - Meaning and characteristics. Institution - Meaning and characteristics Primary and Secondary Institutions. Functions of Institution. Concept of role - Meaning and nature. Social status - Types of Statuses.

UNIT - 3

(10 Hours)

Culture: Meaning and definitions of Culture - Nature of Culture - Characteristics of Culture - Cultural Universals - Ethnocentrism and Cultural relativity - Elements of culture.

UNIT - 4

(15 Hours)

Socialisation: Meaning and definitions: The process of socialization - Internalization of social norms - Types of socialization - Conditions of learning. Internalized objects - Agents of socialization - Importance of Socialization.

UNIT - 5

(10 Hours)

Applied Sociology: Social Policy – Contributions of Sociology to Social Policy. Social Planning. Difficulties in social planning – Social Planning in India.

REFERENCE BOOKS:

- 1) Alex Inkeles, 1991 What is Sociology? Prentice Hall India Ltd., New Delhi.
- 2) N J Smelser, 1993 Sociology, Prentice Hall India Ltd., New Delhi.
- 3) Kingsley Davis, 1981 Human Society, (Indian Reprint) Surjeet Publications, Delhi.
- 4) Anthony Giddens, 1997 Sociology, Third edition, Policy Press.
- 5) R T Schaefer, 1989 Sociology, International Edition, McGraw Hill.
- 6) C N Shankar Rao, 1990 Sociology, Principles of Sociology Fifth Editions, S Chand and Company Ltd., New Delhi.