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Paper1- Foundation of Social Thought

Objectives:


Sociology originated as an intellectual response to the crisis confronting the mid nineteenth century European society Its development over two century since then has been influenced by a variety of socio-economic and political conditions where it has been taught and practiced is

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know established as a multi paradigmatic academic discipline, with its body of theoretical knowledge enhanced and its methodological techniques and procedures systemized, Nevertheless some of its original concern have persisted and some of its classical theoretical and methodological landmarks are relevant even now.

This paper is intended to familiarize the student s with the social political , economic and intellectual context in which sociology emerged as a distinctive discipline. Its objective is to help student gain an understanding of some of the classical contribution in sociology and their continuing relevance to its contemporary concerns.

Course Outlines:

Unit-I:

The Emergence of sociology : Transition from social philosophy to sociology The intellectual contest. Enlightenment The social economic and political forces. The French and industrial Revolutions.

Unit -II:

The pioneers: Comte- Positivism, Spencer- Social Darwinism, Durkheim- Suicide, Weber- Authority, Protestant Ethic and the spirit of Capitalism, Marx- Historical Materialism, Class Struggle,

Unit- III:

Development of Sociological Thought in India:
Manu: Varna and Ashrama Vyavastha,
Mahatma Gandhi- Satya and Ahimsa,
Dr. B. R. Ambedkar-Social Thoughts of Ambedkar.

Essential readings:

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- Morrison, Ken, 1995: Mars, Durkheim, Weber Formation of Modern Social Thought, London sage.
- Ritzer, George, 1996: Sociological Theory, New Delhi Tata- Mcgraw Hill.
- Singh, Yogendra, 1986: Indian Sociological social conditioning and emerging Trends New Delhi.
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- Mahatma Gandhi: My Experiment with Truth,
- Dr.B.R.Ambedkar: Samagra Vangmay.

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