

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY



Third Year Syllabus Department of Sociology

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Subject: Sociology
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THIRD YEAR

Paper Code	Paper Title	Marks	Credits
232001	Classical Sociological Theory	100	4
232003	Rural Sociology	100	4
232005	Sociology of Religion	100	4
232007	Social Inequality	100	4
232009	Societies and Communities	100	4
232011	Social Structure of Bangladesh	100	4
232013	Urban Sociology	100	4
232015	Social Psychology	100	4
	Total=	800	32

Detailed Syllabus

Paper Code	232001	Marks: 100	Credits: 4	Class Hours: 60 hrs.
Paper Title	Classical Sociological Theory			

1. **Historical Setting in Which Sociology Appeared as a Discipline:** Socio-economic and political changes leading to the modern Europe, French revolution and Industrial revolution
2. **Auguste Comte:** Positive philosophy, hierarchy of the sciences: the three stages of development
3. **Herbert Spencer:** Evolution of society from simple to compound, militant and industrial societies, social Darwinism
4. **Karl Marx:** Historical and dialectical materialism; concepts of labour, surplus value and alienation; modes of production, transition from feudalism to capitalism and Asiatic mode of production; class and class conflict and conception of socialism and communism
5. **Emile Durkheim:** Social fact and his methodology, division of labour, social solidarity, mechanical and organic societies, theory of suicide, and religion and society
6. **Max Weber:** Social action, types of social action, ideal and pure type, types of authority, and bureaucracy
7. **Vilfredo Pareto:** Logico-experimental method, circulation of elites and social change

Books Recommended:

1. George Ritzer, *Classical Sociological Theory*, New York: McGraw Hill. 1992
2. Doyle Paul Johnson. *Sociological Theory: Classical Founders and Contemporary Perspectives*. New York :Wiley. 1981
3. Lewis Coser, *Masters of Sociological Thought*. 2nd Ed. New York: Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, 1977
4. Raymond Aron. *Main Currents in Sociological Thought*, 2 Vols. New York : Basic Books, 1965
5. Marx, Karl. *The communist manifesto*
6. Morrison, Ken: *Thoughts of Karl Marx*.

Paper Code	232003	Marks: 100	Credits: 4	Class Hours: 60 hrs.
Paper Title	Rural Sociology			

1. **Definition and Scope:** Meaning of rural society - rural society, peasant society, agrarian society, indigenous and rural societies

2. **Nature of Rural Settlement and Its Ecology:** nature of rural communities, informal structure – *samaj*, rural families: types and characteristics, changing pattern of rural families and marriage, dowry and marriage
3. **Nature of Farming:** Types of farming, changing pattern of farming
4. **Agrarian Structure:** Agrarian structure of developing countries, land reforms and land ownership
5. **Rural Class Structure and Social Mobility:** Populist and Marxist theories of rural class structure and peasant mobility; rural power structure, nature of *shalish*
6. **Rural Society and Culture:** Peasant worldview, the moral economy of peasantry, rationality and peasantry, modernity and peasant society
7. **Peasants and Peasant Movements:** Examples from South Asia and Latin America, the contribution of subaltern studies in understanding peasant movements
8. **Social Change in Rural Society:** Diffusion of innovations, nature and process of innovations in rural society, nature and impact of Green Revolution, agriculture and environment, rural-urban interaction
9. **Poverty in Rural Society:** Nature of rural poverty, vulnerability and rural society, changing pattern of poverty, migration, non- farm activities and poverty
10. **Rural Development:** Models of rural development; success and failure of rural development models, local government and rural development, NGOs and rural development- NGO strategies of rural development- examples of Grameen Bank, BRAC and other NGOs

Books Recommended:

1. Katar Singh, Rural Development: Principles, Policies and Management, New Delhi: SAGE, 1999
2. Teodor Shanin (ed.), Peasant and Peasant Society, Harmondsworth: Penguin, 1988 Latest ed.
3. আসহাবুর রহমান (সম্পাদিত), ১৯৯৭, *বাংলাদেশে কৃষিপ্রশ্ন: তত্ত্ব ও বাস্তবতা*, ঢাকা: ইউনিভার্সিটি প্রেস লিমিটেড।
4. কামাল সিদ্দিকী : বাংলাদেশের গ্রামীণ দরিদ্র : স্বরূপ ও সমাধান
5. আসহাবুর রহমান : বাংলাদেশের কৃষি কাঠামো : কৃষক সমাজ ও উন্নয়ন
6. কাজী তোবারক হোসেন ও মুহাম্মদ হাসান ইমাম (সম্পাদিত) : বাংলাদেশের গ্রাম
7. মাহবুব হোসেন : বাংলাদেশের পল্লী উন্নয়ন : সমস্যা ও সমাধান
8. কাজী সালেহ উদ্দিন : বাংলাদেশের ভূমিসত্ত্ব, ভূমি সংস্কার ও গ্রামীণ উন্নয়ন
9. বোরহান উদ্দিন খান জাহাঙ্গীর : গ্রামাঞ্চলে ধনতন্ত্রের বিকাশ
10. আনু মুহাম্মদ : বাংলাদেশের গ্রামীণ সমাজ ও অর্থনীতি

Paper Code	232005	Marks: 100	Credits: 4	Class Hours: 60 hrs.
Paper Title	Sociology of Religion			

1. **Sociological Perspectives of Religion:** Definition, origin, development and scope of sociology of religion, relationship with other social sciences
2. **Concepts of Sociology of Religion:** Magic, witchcraft and sorcery; characteristics of religion
3. **Types of Religion:** Totemism and Animism, Polytheism and Monotheism, Hinduism, Judaism, Christianity, Islam
4. **Theories of Religion:** Durkheim--elementary forms of religion, Weber--protestant ethic and the spirit of capitalism
5. **Types of Religious Organizations:** Churches and state, denominations and cults
6. **Religion and Social Stratification:** Religion and social status, social class and religious involvement, ethnicity and gender
7. **Religion and State:** Theocracy in Christian and Islamic state, separation of church and state in the west, caliphate and state in the orient, state and religion in the third world: Iran, Indonesia, Malaysia and India
8. **Religious Movements:** Religious revivalism-- Fundamentalism in Judaism, Christianity, Islam and Hinduism
9. **Social Change and Religion:** Secularism in the west, colonization and religion in the developing countries, modernization and religion, problems of secularism in the contemporary developing countries
10. **Religion in Bangladesh:** History of religions in Bangladesh--Hinduism, Buddhism, Sufism, Islam and Christianity; Role of saints in Bangladesh, State of religion in contemporary Bangladesh

Books Recommended:

1. Peter Beyer, *Religion and Globalization*, London : Sage, 1994
2. Asim Ray, *Islam in South Asia*, Dhaka: Ankur
3. T.N. Madan (ed.), *Religion in India*, Delhi : Oxford,1999

Paper Code	232007	Marks: 100	Credits: 4	Class Hours: 60 hrs.
Paper Title	Social Inequality			

1. Definition and Scope Of Inequality

Concept of social inequality, sociological significance of studying social inequality, social stratification and social inequality

2. Origin of Social Inequality

Ideas of primitive communism and egalitarian society; ownership of property rights in simple societies and emergence of private property; social inequality in hunting and gathering societies

3. Historical Forms of Inequality

Slavery

Caste

Estate

Class

4. Theories of Social Inequality

Karl Marx: Conflict and change

Vilfredo Pareto: Elites and circulation of elites

Max Weber: Class, status, and party

K. Davis and W.E. Moore vs. Tumin

Measurement of Inequality

5. Gender and Inequality

Patriarchy and gender discriminations in pre-industrial and contemporary society

Capitalism, globalization and status of women

6. Racial and Ethnic Inequality

Conceptualization of minority, racial and ethnic group

Prejudice and discrimination; patterns of race and ethnic group relations and social inequality

7. Age and Social Inequality

Concept of age and ageism;

Attitude to the elderly in different cultures: prejudice and discrimination

8. Inequality and Social Mobility

Horizontal and vertical mobility

Social and psychological correlates of inter and intra-generational mobility

Structural determinants of mobility

Individual and collective mobility

9. Inequality and Poverty

Definition of Poverty: absolute and relative poverty

Spatial dimensions of inequality and poverty: Local, national, regional and global

10. Inequality in Bangladesh

Values, institutions, agencies and forces related to inequality

Confronting inequality: challenges of change and choice

Books Recommended:

1. Lenski, *Power and Privilege. A theory of Social Stratification*
2. Bottomore, *Class in Modern Society*
3. E.G. Grabb, *Social Inequality: Classical and contemporary Theories*
4. Yagendra Singh, *Social Stratification and Change in India*, New Delhi: Manohar, 1999.
5. Amartya Sen, *Inequality Re-examined*, Cambridge: Harvard University Press
6. মুহাম্মদ হাবীবুর রহমান, সামাজিক অসমতা।
7. এ. এফ. ইমাম আলী, সামাজিক অসমতা।

Paper Code	232009	Marks: 100	Credits: 4	Class Hours: 60 hrs.
Paper Title	Societies and Communities			

1. **Key concepts:** Clan, lineage, tribe, community, society, ethnic groups, nation, state, civil society
2. **India in historical perspective:** Social structure and change: caste system and Indian society, state and agrarian system of Mughal India, class structure and social change in contemporary India
3. **United Kingdom:** Feudalism, transition from feudalism to capitalism, industrial revolution, development of democracy, colonialism and imperialism, British class structure- upper class, working class, underclass, social mobility and class
4. **Japan:** Social structure and group life in Japan, socialization, crime and deviance in Japan, Class structure and inequality in modern Japan
5. **Mexico**
Social structure and group life: Social networks in Mexican society, compadrezgo and personal networks /patronage/reciprocity
Mexican social institutions—family, political parties
Class structure- upper class, middle class and lower class
Social change in contemporary Mexico
6. **Egypt:**
Social structure-extended family, clan, marriage, urban networks
Social structure: class structure and inequality In Egypt, life of a religious minority
Social change in contemporary Egypt
7. **China**
Social Classes: gentry and bureaucracy
Agrarian Structure
China and the coming of the west
Unsuccessful revolutions: kuomintang government

Communist revolution

8. Communities in Bangladesh: selected ethnic groups and communities of Bangladesh

Chakma, Rakhaine, beday, fishermen, weavers, sweepers, Biharees, Kutties, religious minorities- Hindus, Buddhists, Christians

Books Recommended:

1. Linda Schneider and Arnold Silverman, *Global Sociology: Introducing Five Contemporary societies*. WCB/McGraw, 1997
2. Sugata Bose and Ayesha Jalal, *Modern South Asia*, Delhi: Oxford, 1999
3. Richard B. Ford *Tradition and Change in Four Societies*, 1968 Latest ed. New York: Holt, Rineheart and Winston

Paper Code	232011	Marks: 100	Credits: 4	Class Hours: 60 hrs.
Paper Title	Social Structure of Bangladesh			

1. Concept and theories of social structure
2. Bangladesh in the context of the orient and pre-capitalist western society
3. **The Bengal Frontier:** The ecological context of Bangladesh society, land, river and climate
4. Origin and growth of Bengal villages: Social structure of Bengal villages, land tenure system
5. **Town in Bengal:** Trade, commerce, urbanization, trading communities in Bengal.
6. **Colonialism and Bengal:** Permanent settlement and the new agrarian structure; English education and Bengal renaissance; new class structure
7. Peasant Movements in Bangladesh
8. **Social Background of the Emergence of Bangladesh:** Development of internal colonialism, 1947-1970; Language movement and the rise of Bengali nationalism
9. **Changing pattern of Inequality in Bangladesh:** Classes and status groups in contemporary Bangladesh; changing power structure; women and empowerment; poverty and social exclusion
10. **Social change in Bangladesh:** Urbanization, modernization and changing socio-cultural values; civil society, NGOs and social change

Books Recommended:

1. Akbar Ali Khan, *Discovery of Bangladesh*
2. Nazmul Karim, *Changing society in India, Pakistan and Bangladesh*
3. Rangalal Sen: *Political Elites in Bangladesh*
4. ড. রংগলাল সেন, সমাজকাঠামো: পুঁজিবাদ ও সমাজতন্ত্র
5. অনুপম সেন, বাংলাদেশ: রাষ্ট্র ও সমাজ

Paper Code	232013	Marks: 100	Credits: 4	Class Hours: 60 hrs.
Paper Title	Urban Sociology			

1. **Introduction:** Definition and subject-matter of urban sociology, social and cultural contexts of the emergence of urban sociology, development of urban sociology as a field of study, new urban sociology: global capitalism, political economy and culture
2. **Perspectives on Urban Development:** Preconditions of city life and ancient urbanization: Sjoberg & Childe; Classical cities: Braudel; The rise of medieval town in Europe: Weber, Pirenne; Capitalism and the rise of the industrial cities
3. **Theories and Perspectives in Urban Sociology**
 Political economy and the city: Marx, Engels, Weber, Lefebvre; Class conflict theories: Gordon, Stroper, Walker and Castells; Class accumulation theories: Harvey, Scott
 The growth of machine: Logan and Molotch
 Real estate and government intervention: Feagin, Gottdiener
4. **Neighborhoods**
 Definition and approaches, types of neighborhood, functions of neighborhood
5. **Social Stratification and the Metropolis:** Class differences and spatial location: upper class, middle class; working class: working poor and the underclass; women and space: women and urban political economy, women and the environment; ethnicity and residential segregation
6. **Metropolitan problems**
 Urban poverty: racism, gender and under class; crime and drugs; housing: suburban inequities. homelessness; fiscal crises and public service cutbacks
7. **Third World Urbanization:**
 Patterns of Third World urbanization, primate city development patterns, shantytown development, the informal economy, urban social movements and politics, pattern of Bangladesh urbanization
8. **Urban Culture:** Urbanism as a way of life, characteristics of urban culture, changing urban culture: modernization and revivalism

Books Recommended:

1. Flanagan, William G. *Contemporary Urban Sociology* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press) 1993
2. Gottdiener, Mark. *The New Urban Sociology* (New York: McGraw-Hill), 1994
3. Castells, Manuel. *The Urban Question* (Cambridge: mass: MIT-Press), 1977
4. Drakakis-Smith, David. *The Third World City* (London: Routledge), 1992
5. Pirenne, *The Medieval City*
6. Weber, Max. *The City*

Paper Code	232015	Marks: 100	Credits: 4	Class Hours: 60 hrs.
Paper Title	Social Psychology			

1. **Introduction:** The Science of social psychology, history of its development, methods used in social psychology
2. **Socialization:** Processes and products, cultural influences on behaviours
3. **Social perception:** Basic processes affecting perceptual response, perceptual defense, perceptual accentuation, person perception
4. **Attitude:** Formation of attitudes, measurement of attitudes, processes of attitude change, some theories of attitude change, persuasive attitude change
5. **Group Structures and Processes:** Kinds of groups, methods of studying group processes
6. **Communication:** The process of communication; communication and language; language, culture and thinking; non-verbal communication
7. **Personality:** Personality and culture; impact of culture on personality formation and development; theories of personality development—Freud, Adler
8. **Leadership:** The meaning of leadership and its types, traits of leader, role of leaders, leadership and social change
9. **Mass behavior:** Crowd, audience, mob, rumour, fashion, fad, craze, propaganda
10. **Public opinion:** Processes and factors of public opinion, agencies of public opinion

Books Recommended:

1. Hollander, E.P. *Principles and Methods of Social Psychology*. New York: Oxford University Press.
2. Krech, D., Crutchfield R.S. and Ballachey, E.L. *Individual in Society*. New York; Tokyo: McGraw Hill Co. Ltd.
3. Lindgren, H.C., *An Introduction to Social Psychology*. New York: Wiley and Sons.
4. Sargent, S.S. and Williamson, R.C. *Social Psychology*. New York: The Ronald Press.
5. Secord, P.F. and Backman, *Social Psychology*. McGraw Hill.