

Syllabus
M.A. Sociology – Semester-I
SOC R 413 : Sociology of Development
PANJAB UNIVERSITY, CHANDIGARH (2021-2022)

Objective

Keeping in view the relevance of the theme of development, especially in the less developed societies, this course aims (a) to familiarize the students with the various ways that development has been conceptualized; (b) to critically evaluate the modernization theory in its economic, sociological, social-psychological and political forms; (c) to provide a review of the underdevelopment theory given by the Latin American political economists; and (d) to re-assess the various paths to development.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PAPER-SETTER AND THE CANDIDATES

- (i) The theory question paper will be of 80 marks and 20 marks will be for internal assessment. Duration of the paper will be 3 hours.
- (ii) For private candidates, who have not been assessed earlier for internal assessment, the marks secured by them in theory paper will proportionately be increased to maximum marks of the paper in lieu of internal assessment.

The paper setter must put note (ii) in the question paper.

The syllabus has been divided into four units.

There shall be 9 questions in all. The first question is **compulsory** and shall be short answer type containing 10 short questions spread over the whole syllabus to be answered in about 30 to 35 words each, carrying 20 marks i.e. 2 marks each. Rest of the paper shall contain 4 units. Each unit shall have two long questions and the candidates shall be given internal choice of attempting one question from each Unit – 4 in all. Each question will carry 15 marks.

Course Outline

Unit-I

Development: The concept and its changing connotations (liberal and socialist);
Operational Indicators.

Unit-II

Modernization Theories:

Economic (Gunnar Myrdal, W. W. Rostow);
Sociological (Neil J. Smelser, Daniel Lerner,
Social-Psychological (David C. McClelland, Everett E. Hagen);
Political (Gabriel A. Almond & James S. Coleman);
Their Critical Assessment

Unit-III

Theories of Underdevelopment: Centre-Periphery (A. G. Frank, Samir Amin);
Unequal exchange (Paul Baran); World system (Immanuel Wallerstein);
Their Critical Assessment

Unit-IV

Paths of Development:

Capitalist, Socialist, Mixed;
Globalization as a Strategy of Development.

Note: Please compare the Syllabus with the Syllabus issued by the University. We are not responsible about it.