

# Syllabus

## M.A. Sociology Semester-IV

### SOC O 943 : Political Sociology

#### PANJAB UNIVERSITY, CHANDIGARH

##### Objective

The course expects to familiarize the students with the relationship between the state and social structure. How power is central to any social institution is another important focus of the course. After the theoretical introduction, the course would finally focus on the Indian State and Civil Society including the various institutions. What role did the social movements play in the democratization of the Indian society would also be the part of the discussion.

##### 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 will be 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.

##### Unit-I

Meaning and Scope of Political Sociology;

Concepts of State, Civil Society, Power, Social Caste, Varna, Structure and Nation

##### Unit-II

Socio-economic Conditions and the Nature of Political Institutions:

Authoritarian State, Theocratic State, Military State, Democratic State

##### Unit-III

Sociology of Power, Nature and Form of Power, Power and Authority

Theories of Political Power; Elite, Structural-Functional and Marxist

##### Unit-IV

Thematic Concerns in Indian Political Sociology:

Varna, Caste and Kinship

State and Civil Society; State and Social Structure, State and Nation-building,

Movements of Resistance