

Syllabus
Panjab University, Chandigarh
M.A. Sociology Semester-III
SOC R 438 : Interpretive Sociological Theories

Objective

This course sensitizes the students to the works and ideas of sociologists, who have contributed to the perspective of Interpretive Sociology, as against the Positivistic Sociology. It focuses on the work of Action theorists, Interactionist theories and the scholars belonging to the Frankfurt School of Critical Theory.

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.

Unit-I

Action Theories : Max Weber, Talcott Parsons

Unit-II

Symbolic Interactionism : G.H. Mead, H. Blumer
Phenomenology : E. Husserl, A. Schutz

Unit-III

Dramaturgy : E. Goffman
Ethnomethodology : H. Garfinkel

Unit-IV

Critical Theory : J. Habermas
H. Marcuse