

SYLLABUS

B.A./B.Sc. PART—II (GENERAL)

SOCIOLOGY (Social Institutions)

FOURTH SEMESTER

Time Allowed : Three Hours

Maximum Marks : 100

Theory : 90 Marks

Internal Assessment : 10 Marks

Instructions For the Paper-setter and the Candidates :

- (i) For written paper, the students will be required to attempt five questions in all. Question No. 1 will be compulsory comprising 12 short answer type questions of 2 marks each and will cover the entire syllabus. The students are required to attempt 9 short answer type questions out of 12 given.

$9 \times 2 = 18$ marks.

In addition to it, Question Nos. II to IX will consist of long answer (essay type) questions, two questions from each unit with internal choice carrying 18 marks each.

$4 \times 18 = 72$ marks.

- (ii) On an average, 15 hours are to be devoted for each unit.
(iii) 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 (iii) in the question paper.

Objective :

In this paper, Social Institutions as a concept is introduced to the students. Study of various institutions, which are foundations of human society, will help students to look at society in an objective and analytical way.

Course Work

Unit—I

Institutions—Meaning, Features ; Normative and Relational aspects of Institutions.

Types—Social, Political, Economic and Cultural.

Difference of Institutions with Society, Community and Association

Unit—II

Social Institutions :

Marriage—Types : Monogamy and Polygamy ; Rules of Mate Selection, Contemporary Trends.

Family—Meaning, Types, Structure, Functions ; Development Cycle and Changing Trends.

Kinship—Meaning, Significance and a Brief Understanding of Incest, Consanguinity, Affinity, Clan, Lineage, Contemporary Trends.

Unit—III

Political Institutions—State, Government and Political Parties—Features and Functions

Economic Institutions—Features and Functions, Property, Division of Labour (Emile Durkheim)

Unit—IV

Cultural Institutions—Religion : Meaning, Elements, Types, Functions (Emile Durkheim & Max Weber), Dysfunctions.