B.A

CORE COURSE (CC) : SOCIOLOGY

SEMESTER-III

(BAB32305T) SOCIOLOGICAL THOUGHT

MAX.MARKS:100
EXTERNAL:70
INTERNAL:30
PASS:40%
CREDITS :6

OBJECTIVE:

This paper introduces some of the fundamental theoretical underpinnings of sociological theory. The paper contextualises emergence of sociology and familiarizes the student with the classical thinkers of sociological thought. The theoretical foundation prepares the student to develop theoretical understanding of contemporary society as well.

COURSE OUTCOMES:

CO 1:	To introduce the classical theorists of social theory and their significant contribution to the sociological thought.
CO 2:	To introduce the classical sociologists which include Comte, Spencer, Karl Marx, Weber, Durkheim and Pareto.
CO 3:	This paper especially introduces to the students the ideas of G H Mead and Harold Garfinkel.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PAPER SETTER/EXAMINER:

1. The syllabus prescribed should be strictly adhered to.
2. The question paper will consist of three sections: A, B, and C. Sections A and B willhave four questions each from the respective sections of the syllabus and will carry 10 marks each. The candidates will attempt two questions from each section.
3. Section C will have fifteen short answer questions covering the entire syllabus. Each question will carry 3 marks. Candidates will attempt any 10 questions from this section.
4. The examiner shall give a clear instruction to the candidates to attempt questions only at one place and only once. Second or subsequent attempts, unless the earlier ones have been crossed out, shall not be evaluated.
5. The duration of each paper will be three hours.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE CANDIDATES:

Candidates are required to attempt any two questions each from the sections A, and B of the question paper, and any ten short answer questions from Section C. They have to attempt questions only at one place and only once. Second or subsequent attempts, unless the earlier ones have been crossed out, shall not be evaluated.

Section-A

UNIT 1 Enlightenment and evolution of social thought.
UNIT 2 Auguste Comte: Positivism, Law of Three Stages
UNIT 3 Herbert Spencer: Evolution, Social Darwinism
UNIT 4 Sorokin: Cyclical Theory of Social Change
UNIT 5 Emile Durkheim: Social Facts, Suicide, Division of Labour

Section-B

UNIT 6 Vilfredo Pareto: Circulation of Elites, Logical and Non-Logical Action
UNIT 7 Karl Marx: Dialectical materialism, Historical materialism and Class Struggle
UNIT 8 Max Weber: The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism, Social Action
UNIT 9 G. H. Mead: Symbolic Interactionism, Development of Self.
UNIT 10 Harold Garfinkel: Ethnomethodology

Suggested Readings:

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- Barnes, H.E. 1959. Introduction to the history of sociology. Chicago: The University of ChicagoPress.
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- Jammu, Prakash Singh and G.S. Bhatnagar. 1989 Samajvigyanak Sidhhant. Published inSamajak Vigyan Pattar, Vol No. 26, 27, 28. Patiala: Punjabi University
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- Ritzer, George. 1996. Sociological theory. New Delhi: Tata-McGraw Hill.Turner,
- Zeitlin, Irving. 1998 (Indian edition). Rethinking sociology: A critique of contemporary theory.Jaipur: Rawat