

**JYOTI NIVAS COLLEGE AUTONOMOUS  
SYLLABUS FOR 2018 BATCH AND THEREAFTER**

**Programme: B.A.**

**Semester: I**

**PRINCIPLES OF SOCIOLOGY  
SOCIOLOGY-PAPER I**

**Course Code: 18ISO1**

**No. of Hours: 75**

**COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

- The aim of this paper is to introduce to the students the basic concepts of Sociology.
- To acquaint them with the Sociological thought and theories of the founding fathers.
- To provide insights into the different sociological approaches to understand society and culture.

**LEARNING OUTCOME:**

- The outcome of this paper is to bring an understanding about society and the role of individuals with various organizations.

**UNIT 1: INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY**

**15HRS**

- Definition and scope of Sociology.
- The origins of Sociology in the context of the developments in the West-The French Revolution and The Industrial Revolution.
- The Importance of studying Sociology.
- Is Sociology a Science?
- Theoretical perspective in Sociology: Structural Perspective, Functional Perspective, Conflict School, Symbolic Interactionism.

**UNIT 2: SOCIOLOGICAL THOUGHT**

**15HRS**

**August Comte**

- Contributions of Comte: Law of Three Stages.
- Positivism.
- Religion of Humanity.
- Social Statics and Social Dynamics.

**Herbert Spencer**

- General Law of Evolution.
- Theory of Organic Analogy.

**UNIT 3: SOCIETY AND CULTURE**

**15HRS**

- Culture :Meaning and definition.
- Elements of Culture- Norms, Values, Beliefs, Cognitive Elements.
- Cultural Imperialism.
- Ethnocentrism.
- Cultural Relativism.
- Sociological approaches to the of study Culture.
- Culture and Globalization.

**UNIT 4: SOCIAL ORGANIZATION****15HRS**

- Social Structure: Meaning and definition.
- Social Norms: Meaning and definition, Types of norms.
- Social Role: Meaning and definition.
- Dimensions of Role, Role Set, Role Conflict.
- Social Status: Meaning and definition.
- Types of Status- Ascribed Status and Achieved Status.
- Social Facts: Meaning and definition.

**UNIT 5: DEVIANCE AND SOCIAL CONTROL****15HRS**

- Deviance: Sociological meaning of deviance.
- Deviance as a social process.
- Emile Durkheim and Robert K. Merton's Theory of Anomie.
- Howard Becker's Labelling Theory.
- Robert K. Merton's Types of Adaptation.
- Social Control- What is Social Control?
- Methods and agencies of Control- Formal and Informal

**ASSIGNMENT:**

Group assignment based on cultural practices of Indian Society.

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