St. Xavier’s College – Autonomous, Mumbai

Syllabus
For 1st Semester Courses in Sociology
(June 2016 onwards)

Contents:
Theory Syllabus for Course:

A.SOC.1.01 – Introduction to Sociology – Basic Concepts and Perspectives
FYBA- Sociology

Course: A.SOC.1.01

Title: INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY – BASIC CONCEPTS AND PERSPECTIVES

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
1. To create an awareness and understanding of the critical issues and perspectives in society
2. To introduce students to the basic institutions of society.

Number of Lectures: 60

UNIT – I  Emergence of Sociology as a discipline:  [15 lectures]

A] Investigating and exploring about our contemporary society: Brainstorming on what sociology as a subject contains within it.
B] Enlightenment: Establishing of Sociology as a scientific & theoretically grounded discipline:
   - Debate about church v/s Science.
   - Sociology as a scientific exercise to know society.
   - Methods and methodology developed
   - Critique of Modernization and Industrialization

UNIT – II  Culture, Society and Social Change:  [15 lectures]

Exploring the vast meaning systems with regards to Culture and Society and thus critically engaging with the conventional vis-a-vis newer ideas of the need for social change.

- Understanding Culture: Definitions and Concepts
- Types of Culture: High/Folk/Mass/Popular
- Understanding societies: Structure/Custom/membership

UNIT – III  Family & Intimate Relations:  [15 lectures]

Critically engaging with the ever changing ideas of family, relationship and the relooking at concepts of love, intimacy, care & duty.

- Family as integral to societal living:
- Agent of Socialization
- Family vis-a-vis the institution of Marriage
- Intimate relationship in contemporary times & the changing structure
- Issues of violence and inequality: ‘labour of love’, duty & changing gendered roles
UNIT – IV Crime and Deviance [15 lectures]

To create a space for relooking, critically thinking about ideas of crime, deviance, punishment and conformity.

- Theoretical explanations to crime and deviance: Functionalist/Conflict theories
- Victims and perpetrators of crime: at home & work settings.
- Engaging with the legalities of defining a criminal: juvenile/adult/cyber-criminals.

C.I.A: Assignment/ Presentation

REFERENCES:

- Macionis, John J. 2005 Sociology, Tenth edition, Pearson,