St. Xavier’s College – Autonomous Mumbai

Syllabus
For 3rd Semester Courses in SOCIOLOGY
(June 2013 onwards)

Contents:
Theory Syllabus for Courses:
A.SOC.3.01 - SOCIOLOGY: CLASSICAL THEORIES
A.SOC.3.02 - INDIAN SOCIOLOGY
S.Y. B.A

Course: A.SOC.3.01

Title: SOCIOLOGY: CLASSICAL THEORIES

Learning Objectives:
1. To introduce students to the classical social theories
2. To make students aware of the critical nature of the social sciences and trace this back to the enlightenment period.
3. To enable students to see how all social contexts can be analyzed differently based on the perspective one uses.

Number of lectures: 45

Unit I The Enlightenment Impact [12 lectures]

a. The Enlightenment – history and essential ideas
b. Auguste Comte: Law of Three Stages, Positivism
c. Herbert Spencer: Organismic model, Evolutionary Theory

Unit II Marx [11 lectures]

a. Historical Context
b. Dialectical and Historical Materialism
d. Critique, brief introduction to modern variants.

Unit III Weber [11 lectures]

a. Historical Context
b. Method – Interpretive understanding (Verstehen), Social Action, Values, Ideal types
c. The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism, Sociology of Religion.
d. Power and Inequality, types of leadership, bureaucracy

Unit IV Durkheim [11 lectures]

a. Historical Context
c. Method: Analysis of suicide
   Modern society: Division of Labour, Sociology of Religion.

CIA: Assignments on a particular theme

List of Recommended Reference Books


S.Y. B.A

Course: A.SOC.3.02

Title: INDIAN SOCIOLOGY

Learning Objectives:
1. To provide students with an insight into the development of Indian Sociology
2. To acquaint students with some important aspects of Indian Society and their intersections.
3. To develop analytical skills among students through the use of case studies.

Number of lectures: 45

Unit 1
Development of Indian Sociology
a. Development and concerns of Sociology in the Pre Independence period Expansion and emergent concerns of Sociology in Post Independent India (Including contributions of Indian Sociologists such as M.N. Srinivas, Irawati Karve, G.S. Ghurye, A.R. Desai, Veena Das, Andre Beteille, Arjun Appadurai and Dipankar Gupta)

Unit 2
Caste and Class in India
a. Brahminical perspective of Louis Dumont Dalit-Bahujan perspective of Ambedkar/ Kancha Illaiah Linkages between Caste, class and Politics The emergence of the middle class in India

Unit 3
Ethnicity, Ethnic Groups and Identity
a. Conceptual Clarifications - Ethnicity, Ethnic Groups and Identity
b. Ethnic Identity and Conflict
c. Case studies

Unit 4
Globalisation
a. Concept and brief history of globalization
b. Dimensions and effects of globalization
c. Migration and the Transnational Indian Diaspora Case Studies

CIA: Written assignment or presentation

List of Recommended Reference Books

Unit 1
2. Dhanagre, D.N. (1993). Themes and Perspectives in Indian sociology. New Delhi:
Rawat Publications.

**Unit 2**


**Unit 3**


**Unit 4**