

Minor-1-1: Sociology

Objectives:

Sociology

Invitation to Sociology

This course provides an outline exposure to the students about the fundamental concepts of sociology. The course also aims at helping the students to understand the social institutions and regulative mechanism of society. It makes them to acquire sufficient knowledge about social change and development.

Unit 1: Introduction

h. Definition of Sociology

1. Transition from Social Philosophy to Sociology

j. Emergence of Sociology: Socio-political and intellectual forces

k. Subject matter and Scope

1. Perspectives in Sociology Functionalist, Conflict, Interactionist and Feminist

perspectives m. Reciprocity between Sociology and other disciplines History, Political science, Economics, Criminology and Law

n. Relevance of Sociology

Unit 2: Basic Sociological Concepts

a. Society

b. Community

d. Social System

e. Role and Status

g. Culture

h. Socialization

(Meaning, Characteristics/Elements and Types)

Unit 3: Social Institutions

b. Family and Marriage

e. State and Law

c. Social Structure

f. Social Values

i. Social groups

b. Religion

c. Education

e. Property

(Features/Elements, Types and Importance)

Unit 4: Regulative Mechanism of Society

d. Social Norms, Social Conformity and Social Deviance

e. Informal Agencies of Social Control Folkways, Mores, Customs, Religion, Public opinion

f. Formal Agencies: Law, Education, Police and Military

Unit 5: Social Change and Development

f. Meaning and Definitions

g. Kindred concepts: Evolution, Growth, Progress, Development

h. Theories of Social Change: Cyclical and Uni-linear

i. Developmental perspectives: Human Development, Social Development, Sustainable development

j. Theories of Development: Theories of development and Under-development