# IAS SOCIOLOGY (MAINS)

## PAPER I - FUNDAMENTALS OF SOCIOLOGY

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<td>– ESO – 13 (IGNOU, B.A ) , Sociological Thinkers : R K Mukherjee</td>
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<td>(a) Karl Marx- Historical materialism, mode of production, alienation, class struggle.</td>
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<td>(b) Emile Durkheim- Division of labour, social fact, suicide, religion and society.</td>
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<td>(c) Max Weber- Social action, ideal types, authority, bureaucracy, protestant ethic and the spirit of capitalism.</td>
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<td>(d) Talcott Parsons- Social system, pattern variables.</td>
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5. **Stratification and Mobility:**
(a) Concepts - equality, inequality, hierarchy, exclusion, poverty and deprivation
(b) Theories of social stratification - Structural functionalist theory, Marxist theory, Weberian theory.
(c) Dimensions - Social stratification of class, status groups, gender, ethnicity and race.
(d) Social mobility - open and closed systems, types of mobility, sources and causes of mobility.

6. **Works and Economic Life:**
- Sociology by Haralambos and Holborn
(a) Social organization of work in different types of society - slave society, feudal society, industrial/capitalist society.
(b) Formal and informal organization of work
(c) Labour and society.

7. **Politics and Society:**
- Sociology by Haralambos and Holborn
(a) Sociological theories of power
(b) Power elite, bureaucracy, pressure groups, and political parties.
(c) Nation, state, citizenship, democracy, civil society, ideology
(d) Protest, agitation, social movements, collective action, revolution.

8. **Religion and Society:**
- Sociology by Haralambos and Holborn
(a) Sociological theories of religion
(b) Types of religious practices - animism, monism, pluralism, sects, cults.
(c) Religion in modern society: religion and science, secularization, religious revivalism, fundamentalism.

9. **Systems of Kinship:**
- Sociology by Haralambos and Holborn
(a) Family, household, marriage.
(b) Types and forms of family.
(c) Lineage and descent
(d) Patriarchy and sexual division of labour
(e) Contemporary trends.

10. **Social Change in Modern Society:**
- Sociology by Haralambos and Holborn
(a) Sociological theories of social change.
(b) Development and dependency.
PAPER - II

INDIAN SOCIETY: STRUCTURE AND CHANGE

A. Introducing Indian Society:

(i) Perspectives on the study of Indian society: Indian Sociological Thought. from B. K. Nagla

(a) Indology (GS. Ghurye).

(b) Structural functionalism (M N Srinivas).

(c) Marxist sociology (A R Desai).

(ii) Impact of colonial rule on Indian society:

(a) Social background of Indian nationalism. Social Background of Indian Nationalism : A R Desai

(b) Modernization of Indian tradition. Modernization of Indian tradition - Yogenndra Singh

(c) Protests and movements during the colonial period. Protests and movements during the colonial period – A R Desai

(d) Social reforms Modern History – B L Grover

B. Social Structure:

(i) Rural and Agrarian Social Structure:

(a) The idea of Indian village and village studies- IGNOU, MSO – 004

(b) Agrarian social structure - evolution of land tenure system, land reforms. Rural Sociology – Doshi & Jain

(ii) Caste System:

(a) Perspectives on the study of caste systems: GS Ghurye, M N Srinivas, Louis Dumont, Andre Betelie. – Indian Sociological Thought. from B. K. Nagla

(b) Features of caste system.

(c) Untouchability - forms and perspectives Indian Social System – Ram Ahuja

(iii) Tribal communities in India:

(a) Definitional problems. Indian Society & Culture – Nadeem Husnain
(b) Geographical spread.

(c) Colonial policies and tribes.

(d) Issues of integration and autonomy.

(iv) **Social Classes in India:**

(a) Agrarian class structure.

(b) Industrial class structure.

(c) Middle classes in India.

(v) **Systems of Kinship in India:**

(a) Lineage and descent in India.

(b) Types of kinship systems.

(c) Family and marriage in India.

(d) Household dimensions of the family.

(e) Patriarchy, entitlements and sexual division of labour.

(vi) **Religion and Society:**

(a) Religious communities in India.

(b) Problems of religious minorities.

**Social Changes in India:**

(i) **Visions of Social Change in India:**

(a) Idea of development planning and mixed economy. - Contemporary India – Neera Chandhoke

(b) Constitution, law and social change. – Social Change in India – Yogendra Singh

(c) Education and social change. – IGNOU, ESO – 14

(ii) **Rural and Agrarian transformation in India:**

(a) Programmes of rural development, Community Development Programme, cooperatives, poverty alleviation schemes. Rural Sociology – Doshi & Jain

(b) Green revolution and social change. Social inequalities in India – K L Sharma

(c) Changing modes of production in Indian agriculture.

(d) Problems of rural labour, bondage, migration. IGNOU, MSO – 14
(iii) **Industrialization and Urbanisation in India:**

(a) Evolution of modern industry in India.
(b) Growth of urban settlements in India.
(c) Working class: structure, growth, class mobilization.
(d) Informal sector, child labour
(e) Slums and deprivation in urban areas.

(IV) **Politics and Society:**

(a) Nation, democracy and citizenship.
(b) Political parties, pressure groups, social and political elite.
(c) Regionalism and decentralization of power.
(d) Secularization

(V) **Social Movements in Modern India:**

(a) Peasants and farmers movements.
(b) Women’s movement.
(c) Backward classes & Dalit movement.
(d) Environmental movements.
(e) Ethnicity and Identity movements.

(VI) **Population Dynamics:**

(a) Population size, growth, composition and distribution.
(b) Components of population growth: birth, death, migration.
(c) Population policy and family planning.
(d) Emerging issues: ageing, sex ratios, child and infant mortality, reproductive health.

(VII) **Challenges of Social Transformation:**

(a) Crisis of development: displacement, environmental problems and sustainability.
(b) Poverty, deprivation and inequalities.
(c) Violence against women.
(d) Caste conflicts.
(e) Ethnic conflicts, communalism, religious revivalism.
(f) Illiteracy and disparities in education.

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