

Introduction to Sociology

Syllabus

Section A

Sociology: Meaning and subject matter, Sociological perspective, concepts of society, Social action and Social system.

Culture: Concept, components of culture (symbols, language, values and norms, material and non-material culture).

Social Groups: Concept and types (primary, secondary, reference groups), group dynamics.

Status and Role: Concept and inter relationship.

Section B

Socialization: Concept, stages, agencies.

Social Control: Concept, nature, mechanisms.

Social Change: Concept, factors and process.

Social Stratification: Meaning, forms.

Section C

Association: Meaning and types.

Community: Meaning and types.

Social Disorganization: Meaning, characteristics, causes.

Applied Sociology: Social policy, social planning and induced change process.

Multiculturalism: Concept and approaches.

Suggested Readings

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- Inkeles, Alex.1987. What is Sociology? , New Delhi: Prentice-Hall of India.