

## M.A (Previous) Sociology

### Course - I Theories and Thinkers in Sociology

#### Block - 1

- Unit - 1 Theory - Definition - Characteristics - Importance.  
Unit - 2 Sociological Theories - Types - Characteristics - Relationship between Theory and Research  
Unit - 3 Theory Construction - Reciprocal Relationship between Theory and Empiricism - Conflict between Theory Building and Empiricism.  
Unit - 4 Social Order as the Central Problem of Sociological Theories  
- Coercion Theory - Interest Theory - Value Consensus  
- Theory - Inertia Theory.

#### Block - 2

- Unit - 5 Approaches to Social Reality - Structuralism - Radcliffe Brown - S.F. Nadel - Levi Strauss - M.J. Levy - Evans Pritchard.  
Unit - 6 Functionalism - B. Maliniwski - Robert K. Merton - Talcott Parsons.  
Unit - 7 Conflict Approach - Karl Marx - Geroge Simmel - Lewis Coser - Ralf Darhendorf - C. Wright Mills.  
Unit - 8 Evolutionary Perspectives - Unilinear - Universal - Cyclical

#### Block - 3

- Unit - 9 Recent Trends in Sociological Theories - Exchange Theory - Frazer - Malinowski - George Homans - Peter M. Blau.  
Unit - 10 Symbolic Interactionism - C.H. Cooley - G.H. Mead - Herbert Blumer.  
Unit - 11 Ethnomethodology - Harold Garfinkel and Others.  
Unit - 12 Phenomenology - Alfred Schutz - Karl Mannheim.

#### Block - 4

- Unit - 13 Auguste Comte - Intellectual Background - Influences on Comte - Law of Three Stages - Positivism - Social Statics and Sociol Dynamics - Hierarchy of Sciences - Religion of Humanity.  
Unit - 14 Herbert Spencer - Intellectual Background - Organic Analogy - Theory of Social Evolution.  
Unit - 15 Emile Durkheim - Intellectual Background - Social Facts - Social Division of Labour.  
Unit - 16 Emile Durkheim - Theory of Anomie and Deviance - Theory of Suicide - Elementary Forms of Religious Life.

#### Block - 5

- Unit - 17 Max Weber - Intellectual Background - Typology of Social

- Action – Types of Authority – Ideal Types.
- Unit – 18 Max Weber Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism – Bureaucracy.
- Unit – 19 Karl Marx – Intellectual Background – Dialectical Materialism – Theory of Class Struggle – Theory of Social Change.
- Unit – 20 George Simmel – Intellectual Background – Formal Sociology – Sociology of Small Groups.

#### Block – 6

- Unit – 21 Vilfredo Pareto – Intellectual Background – Logico – Experimental Sociology – Theory of Residues and Derivations – Theory of Circulation of Elites.
- Unit – 22 Ferdinand Tonnies – Intellectual Background – Gemeinschaft and Gesellschaft.
- Unit – 23 Thorstein B. Veblen – Intellectual Background – Theory of Leisure Class – Technological Determinism.
- Unit – 24 Franklin Henry Giddings – Intellectual Background – Stages of Human Society – Basis of Evolution of Civilization – Political Power.

#### Block – 7

- Unit – 25 Pitrim A. Sorokin – Intellectual Background – Integral Sociology – Socio – Cultural Dynamics.
- Unit – 26 Talcott Parsons – Intellectual Background – Theory of Social Action – Social System – Pattern Variables.
- Unit – 27 Robert K. Merton – Intellectual Background – Middle Range Theory – Latent and Manifest Functions.
- Unit – 28 C. Wright Mills – Intellectual Background – Sociological Imagination.

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