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M.A./M.Com/MSW (Semester-II) Examination

(Academic Year: 2024-2025 & 2025-2026)

Semester	**:**	**I I**
Name of the Student	:	
Hall-Ticket Number	:	
Name of the Course	:	
Paper (Title)	:	
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Signature of the Student with date

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Dear Student,

Read the following **Instructions** very carefully before writing and submitting of all your Assignments. Write all your details on every Cover Page of Each Paper (Assignment). Students of various PG Courses have to submit Assignments **I & II** for each semester. The Assignments consists of **20 marks** and Assignment – **II** consist **25 marks**

(Note: Assignment-II in place of Seminar for 25 Marks)
(Write topic name on top up of the page)

Instructions for Writing of Assignments:

1. Submission of Assignments is **Compulsory**.
2. Each Assignment-I should be written in **15-20 Pages. (Attach Question Paper)**
3. Assignment-II should be written in **15-20 Pages. (Attach Question Paper)**
4. Write answers clearly and visibly on **A-4 size only.**
5. Assignment should be written **ONE SIDE OF THE PAPER only.**
6. Assignment should be in student's own handwriting.
7. Printed/Carbon copies or computer print-outs **Will not be Accepted.** Any irregularity will be viewed seriously and the assignments will be **rejected.**
8. You can use CDOE (SDLCE) course material or other relevant Articles/Books for writing the assignments **I & II.**
9. Submit Assignment **I & II** separately with tape binding or spiral binding **only**.
10. Each Assignment **I & II** should be with a cover page. Write All Your Details in **Capital Letters on the cover page.**
11. Students those who fail to submit their assignments are **not allowed** write **SEMESTER EXAMS.**
12. **Submit** all your Assignments at your Study Centre (or) Room No. 7, **CDOE (SDLCE), KU only**.
13. **Last date for Submission of Assignments I & II is: 10-11-2026. Assignments will not be Accepted, After the Due Date.**
14. For any sort of doubts or queries in writing the assignments, students can contact the Coordinators of your center or **course-In-Charge of CDOE (SDLCE), KU.**
15. You may contact CDOE Enquiry Counter/directly or call **0870-2461480 , 0870-2461490**

From **10.30 am** to **4.30 pm** on all working Days.

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ASSIGNMENT-I

M.A. SOCIOLOGY Semester-II Examination (2024-2025 & 2025-2026)

Paper-I : MODREN SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY

Answer any *FIVE of* the following questions. **5x4=20 Marks**

1. Explain Talcott Parsons' AGIL paradigm and its significance in understanding the social system.
2. Discuss Robert K. Merton's Middle Range Theory and the concept of Functional Alternatives.
3. Explain C.W. Mills' concept of the Power Elite and the Sociological Imagination.
4. Discuss Lewis Coser's views on the functions of social conflict.
5. Explain Antonio Gramsci's concept of Hegemony and the role of intellectuals.
6. Discuss Althusser's notions of Ideological and Repressive State Apparatuses.
7. Explain Charles Horton Cooley's contribution to Symbolic Interactionism.
8. Distinguish between the exchange theories of George Homans and Peter Blau.
9. Explain Anthony Giddens' concepts of Structure, Agency and Structuration.
10. Write a note on Harold Garfinkel and Ethnomethodology.

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ASSIGNMENT-I

M.A. SOCIOLOGY Semester-II Examination (2024-2025 & 2025-2026)

Paper-II : SOCIAL STRATIFICATION AND SOCIAL MOBILITY

Answer any *FIVE of* the following questions. **5x4=20 Marks**

1. Distinguish between Social Differentiation and Social Stratification.
2. Explain the principal types of stratification systems - Caste, Class, Estate and Gender.
3. Compare the contributions of Karl Marx and Max Weber to the study of social stratification.
4. Explain the Davis-Moore functional theory of stratification.
5. Describe the caste system in India and its present situation in rural areas.
6. Define social class and explain classes in industrial societies.
7. Explain the relationship between social stratification and social mobility.
8. Discuss the types of social mobility and the factors influencing mobility.
9. Explain Reference Group Theory in relation to mobility.
10. Discuss the concepts of Sanskritization and De-Sanskritization.

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Paper-III : QUALITATIVE RESEARCH AND PARTICIPATORY LEARNING & ACTION (PLA) TECHNIQUES.

Answer any *FIVE of* the following questions. 5x4=20 Marks

1. Define Qualitative Research and explain its importance and scope.
2. Distinguish between Qualitative and Quantitative Research.
3. Explain the meaning and relevance of the Down-to-Top (participatory) approach.
4. Discuss the advantages and obstacles of people's participation.
5. Explain space-related methods in PLA such as social and resource maps.
6. Write a note on time line and Venn diagrams as PLA methods.
7. Explain the role of facilitators and researchers in PLA fieldwork.
8. Discuss the attitudes and behaviour of stakeholders in PLA.
9. Explain the process of data processing and analysis in PLA.
10. Write a note on problem identification and designing strategy.

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Paper-IV: SOCIAL DEMOGRAPHY

Answer any *FIVE of* the following questions. **5x4=20 Marks**

1. Define Social Demography and explain its nature and scope.
2. Distinguish between Demography and Population Studies.
3. Explain the Malthusian theory of population.
4. Write a note on the Optimum Population Theory.
5. Explain the age and sex composition of India's population with reference to sex ratio and child sex ratio.
6. Write a note on the ethnic and religious composition of India's population.
7. Explain the measures of fertility and their significance.
8. Discuss the types, factors and consequences of migration.
9. Discuss the population policy of India with reference to family planning and family welfare.
10. Explain the importance of Population Education and the National Rural Health Mission.

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Paper-V: SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND SOCIETY

Answer any *FIVE of* the following questions. **5x4=20 Marks**

1. Explain the historical and social context of scientific knowledge.
2. Discuss the social consequences of technology.
3. Distinguish between Inductivism and Falsification as methods in science.
4. Explain Merton's sociological perspective on scientific practice.
5. Explain Thomas Kuhn's paradigm of science.
6. Write a note on the notion of Techno-Science.
7. Explain the Information Technology paradigm and Network Society.
8. Discuss the impact of ICT on development.
9. Explain the human ecological approach to environment and sustainable development.
10. Write a note on the POET model.

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ASSIGNMENT-II

(Note: Assignment-II is in place of Student Seminar for 25 Marks)

M.A. SOCIOLOGY Semester-II Examination (2024-2025 & 2025-2026)

Note: Answer any ONE TOPIC of the following. **25 Marks**

1. Critically examine Talcott Parsons' AGIL paradigm and pattern variables, and Robert K. Merton's middle range theory and functional analysis.
2. Discuss the contributions of-Marxist thinkers (Gramsci, Althusser) to the understanding of hegemony, ideology and the state, and compare them with conflict theories of Dahrendorf and Coser.
3. Compare the Marxian and Weberian perspectives on social stratification and critically evaluate the functional theory of stratification (Davis-Moore).
4. Discuss the caste system in India and its present situation in rural and urban areas. Examine Sanskritization, Westernization and the trends and constraints of social mobility in India.
5. Distinguish between qualitative and quantitative research. Discuss the major methods of qualitative research such as participant observation, ethnography, in-depth interviews and oral history.
6. Explain the principles and methods of Participatory Learning and Action (PLA), tracing the transition from RRA to PRA to PLA, and discuss the role of facilit in PLA fieldwork.
7. Critically examine the Malthusian theory and the Demographic Transition Theory in the light of India's population growth trends.
8. Discuss the sources of demographic data and analyze the composition of India's population with special reference to age, sex ratio, fertility, mortality and migration.
9. Discuss the sociology of science with reference to the perspectives of Marx, Durkheim, Mannheim and Merton, and examine Popper's falsification and Kuhn's paradigm of scientific revolutions.
10. Analyze the impact of information technology, biotechnology and nano technology on society and discuss approaches to environment and sustainable development.

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