

BA 2nd SEMESTER
DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC COURSE (CORE-2)
SOC220C: SOCIOLOGY: SOCIOLOGICAL THOUGHT

CREDITS: THEORY: 4, TUTORIAL: 2
MAXIMUM MARKS: THEORY: 60, TUTORIAL: 30
MINIMUM MARKS: THEORY: 24, TUTORIAL: 12

Course Objectives:

The course is designed to introduce the readers to the classical sociological thinkers whose contributions have laid the foundation of sociology.

The course seeks to achieve the following major objectives as:

- *To acquaint the learners with the classical social thinkers/founding fathers of sociology.*
- *To lay bare the contributions of the classical sociologists.*
- *To develop among the learners a solid theoretical foundation.*

Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the course, the learners shall possess a sound theoretical base. The learners are also expected to identify the contributions of the major classical thinkers of sociology and their relevance in understanding the social behaviour.

Unit 1: August Comte

- a. Law of Three Stages
- b. Positivism
- c. Social Statics and Dynamics

Unit 2: Emile Durkheim

- a. Social Fact
- b. Suicide
- c. Division of Labour

Unit 3: Karl Marx

- a. Historical Materialism
- b. Alienation
- c. Class Struggle

Unit 4: Max Weber

- a. Social Action
- b. Bureaucracy
- c. Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism

TUTORIALS: PROJECT WORK/PRESENTATION/DEBATES/TERM PAPER (2 CREDITS)

TUTORIAL 1:

- a) Pattern of Suicides in Kashmir
- b) Historical Materialism
- c) Positivism

TUTORIAL 2:

- a) Religion and Economy in Kashmir
- b) Alienation
- c) Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism

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Note: List of readings provided is not absolute and additions may be made to it.