

## U.G. 1<sup>st</sup> Semester

### Paper: SOC101G (Modular Elective) Introductory Sociology

Credits: 4 = 3 + 1 + 0 (48 Lectures)

The course introduces the students to the discipline of sociology. It explores the basic principles of sociology and familiarizes the students to sociological way of thinking.

#### UNIT 1

Understanding Sociology  
What is Sociology?  
Nature and Scope  
Sociology and Other Social Sciences

#### UNIT 2

Basic Concepts  
Society, Community, Institutions, Associations  
Status and Role  
Groups  
Social Control  
Social Change

#### UNIT 3

Social Institutions  
Family, Marriage, Kinship  
Religion

#### UNIT 4

Culture and Socialisation  
Meaning, Types and Characteristics  
Culture and Civilization  
Cultural Lag  
Socialisation, Socialisation as a process, Stages of Socialisation  
Agencies of Socialisation, Culture and Socialisation

#### Suggested Readings

**Bottomore**, T.B. 1972. *Sociology: A guide to problems and literature*. Bombay: George Allen and Unwin(India)

- Harlambos, M.** 1998. *Sociology: Themes and Perspectives*. New Delhi: Oxford University Press.
- Inkeles, Alex.** 1987. *What is Sociology?* New Delhi: Prentice-Hall of India.
- Johnson, M. Harry.** 1996. *Sociology: A systematic Introduction*. Allied Publishers Pvt.Ltd.
- Mills, C. Wright.** 1967. *Sociological Imagination*. Harmondsworth: Penguin.
- Beteille, Andre.** 1996. "Sociology and Common Sense". *Economic and Political Weekly*. Volume XXXI. Number 35-36-37. September.