



**MADHYANCHAL**  
PROFESSIONAL UNIVERSITY

**PhD Entrance Syllabus for Sociology**

# Paper I

## A : SOCIOLOGICAL CONCEPTS

### 1. **Nature of Sociology**

Definition

Sociological Perspective

### 2. **Basic Concepts**

Community

Institution

Association

Culture

Norms and Values

### 3. **Social Structure**

Status and role, their interrelationship

Multiple roles, Role set, Status set, Status sequence

Role conflict

### 4. **Social Group**

Meaning

Types : Primary-Secondary, Formal-Informal, Ingroup-Outgroup, Reference group

### 5. **Social Institutions**

Marriage

Family

Education

Economy

Polity

Religion

### 6. **Socialization**

Socialization, Resocialization, Anticipatory socialization, Adult socialization

Agencies of socialization

Theories of socialization

**7. Social Stratification**

Social differentiation, Hierarchy and Inequality

Forms of stratification : Caste, Class, Gender, Ethnic

Theories of social stratification

Social mobility

**8. Social Change**

Concepts and Types : Evolution, Diffusion, Progress, Revolution, Transformation, Change in structure and Change of structure

Theories : Dialectical and Cyclical

**B : SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY**

**9. Structural**

Nadel

Radcliffe Brown

Levi-Strauss

**10. Functional**

Malinowski

Durkheim

Parsons

Merton

**11. Interactionist**

Social action : Max Weber, Pareto

Symbolic interactionism : G. H. Mead, Blumer

**12. Conflict**

Karl Marx

Dahrendorf

Coser

Collins

## C : METHODOLOGY

### 13. Meaning and Nature of Social Research

Nature of social phenomena

The scientific method

The problems in the study of social phenomena : Objectivity and subjectivity, fact and value

### 14. Quantitative Methods

Survey

Research Design and its types

Hypothesis

Sampling

Techniques of data collection : Observation, Questionnaire, Schedule, Interview

### 15. Qualitative Methods

Participant observation

Case study

Content analysis

Oral history

Life history

### 16. Statistics in Social Research

Measures of Central Tendency : Mean, Median, Mode

Measures of dispersion

Correlational analysis

Test of significance

Reliability and Validity

## **PAPER -II**

### General Aptitude (GA)

Verbal Ability: English grammar, sentence completion, verbal analogies, word groups, instructions, critical reasoning and verbal deduction.

Numerical Ability: Numerical computation, numerical estimation, numerical reasoning and data interpretation.