

**M.A. (Final) SOCIOLOGY (2013-14)**

**Paper - VI : Theoretical Perspectives in Sociology (5681)**

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**Unit A**

Sociological theory : concept and characteristics.

Components of sociological theory.

Relationship between fact theory and research.

**Unit B**

Structural : Structural-Functionalism theory : A.R. Radcliffe Brown, S.F. Nadel, C. Levi-Strauss.

Functional : Dimensions of social system : T. Parsons, functional analysis of R.K. Merton.

**Unit-C**

Conflict theory : Marx's critique and dialectics of conflict (R.Dahrendorf) Functional analysis of conflict : L. Coser; Conflict and social change : R.Collins.

**Unit-D**

Interactionist perspective : Symbolic interactionism : E. Goffman, G.H. Mead and H. Blumer; Phenomenological Sociology: E. Husserl, A. Schutz; Social construction of reality P. Berger and T.G. Luckmann; Ethnomethodology : H. Garfinkel;

**Unit-E**

Recent trends in sociological theorising: Structuration: Anthony Giddens; Neo Functionalism-Alexander..

Post modernism – Derrida, Foucault..

Neo-marxism- J. Habermas, L. Althusser.

**Essential readings :**

Alexander, Jeffrey C. Twenty lectures: Sociological theory since world war New York : Columbia University Press; Neo functionalism.

Bottomore, Tom. 1984. The Frankfurt school. Chester, Sussex : Ellis Horwood and London: Tavistock Publications.

Craib, Ian. 1992. Modern social theory: from Parsons to Habermas (2nd edition). London : Harvester Pess.

Collins, Randall. 1997 (Indian edition). Sociological theory. Jaipur and New Delhi : Rawat.  
Doshi, S.L. Uchchattar Samajshastriya Siddhant (Hindi)

Giddens, Anthony. 1983. Central problems in social theory: Action, structure and contradiction in social analysis. London: Macmillan; Structuroture

Rizer, George. 1992 (3rd edition). Sociological theory. New York : McGraw-Hill.

Singhi, N. K., Samajshastriya Siddhant (Hindi) Rawat : Jaipur

Sturrock, John (ed.). 1979. Structuralism and Since : From Levi Strauss to Derrida. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Turner, Jonathan H. 1995 (4th edition). The structure of sociological theory. Jaipur and New Delhi: Rawat.

Zeitlin, Irving M. 1998 (Indian edition). Rethinking sociology: A critique of contemporary theory. Jaipur and New Delhi: Rawat.

Doshi, S.L., Adhunikta, Uttar adhunikta Aur Nav Samajshastriya Sidhan (Hindi) Rawat, Jaipur.

Doshi, S.L., Uchcharat Samajshastriya Siddhant (Hindi)

### **Pedagogy**

The biographical details of the sociologists mentioned may be used only to place their theoretical contributions in appropriate intellectual contexts.

It is necessary to evaluate the relevance and significance of the perspectives listed for understanding society in general and society in India in particular. Illustrations may be drawn from empirical studies influenced by or bearing on these perspectives.

