

M.A./M.Sc. Geography
Third Semester
Paper – IV (43364 C) Social Geography

Unit – I

- a) Nature, scope and development of social geography, philosophical bases of social geography
- b) Positivist, structuralist and radical
- c) Humanist, post-modern, and post-structuralist
- d) Social geography in the realm of social sciences

Unit – II

- a) Space and society
- b) Understanding society and its structure and processes
- c) Geographical bases of social formations; power relations and space
- d) Contribution of social geography to social theory

Unit – III

- a) Towards a social geography of India; nature and problems of social geographic data
- b) Social differentiation and region formation; evolution of socio-cultural regions in India
- c) Bases of social region formation; role of caste, ethnicity, religion, dialect and languages
- d) Indian unity and diversity; social transformation and change in India.

Unit IV

- a) Concepts of social well-being and physical quality of life
- b) Human development: concept, components, indices and measurement
- c) Patterns and bases of rural and urban society; rural-urban deprivation with respect to shelter, health and education
- d) Social exclusion, deprivation and discrimination issues relating to women and underprivileged groups

Unit – V

- a) Spatial distribution of social groups: tribes, castes, religious and language groups
- b) Social groups and power relations in India
- c) Review of five-year plans and area plans towards social policy in India
- d) Strategies to improve social well-being in tribal, hill and drought prone areas; social and environmental impact assessment of development projects

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