

I. Very short Answer type questions :

2 marks

Q. 1. What is Sociology ? / ● Define Sociology.

Ans : Sociology is a comprehensive study of a whole society. It is a descriptive and analytical discipline concerned with the structural aspects of human society. Sociology is also defined as the science of human relations. In general sociology is the scientific study of human social life, groups and societies.

Q. 2. State main features of Sociology.

Ans : The main features of Sociology are:

- Sociology is a social science.
- It is a pure science, not an applied science.
- It is a categorical science, not a normative science.
- Sociology is a general science.
- It is both rational and empirical science.
- Culture, social organization, social institution and social structure are the subject matter of sociology.
- Sociology is a science of generalization.

Q. 3. What is society ?

Ans : Society is a system of usage and procedures of authority and mutual aid, of many groupings and divisions, of controls of human behaviour and of liberties. It is the web of social relationship. It is always changing.

Q. 4. State the characteristics of society.

Ans : According to Harry M. Johnson, society has following characteristics:

- **Definite territory:** Society is a territorial group.
- **Progeny (Offspring):** The members of a society came by means of human reproduction within the group of people.
- **Culture:** Society is always culturally sufficient.
- **Independence:** Society is permanent, self contained and an integrated group. The members of the group are interdependent.

Q. 5. How society is a continuous process ?

Ans : Society is a continuous process. It functions in a natural way. Society is not imposed upon people rather it is accepted by the members. The most important part in the functioning of society is negotiations. Due to social interaction society gets constituted and reconstituted.

Q. 6. How Sociology is a progressive science?

Ans : Sociology deals with modern society. It is a new science which came into existence in recent times. Latest concepts are included in sociology which keeps the subject up to date.

Sociology is the science that deals with social groups, their mode of organization, the processes that tend to maintain or change these forms of organization, and the relations between groups. Therefore, it is a progressive science.

Q. 7. What is Anthropology ?

Ans : ●Anthropology is the study of primitive society

- It studies cultures which are small and static.
- It is the study of man and development of human race. There are four main branches: Physical anthropology, social anthropology, Cultural anthropology and applied anthropology.

Q. 8. What is the meaning of social science ?

Ans : Social science is general label applied to the study of society and human relationship. Discipline boundaries are by no means always clear and the generic term ‘Social Science’ usually covers most of the disciplines including sociology, social psychology, political science and geography.

Q. 9. What do you know about Formalistic School ?

Ans : Formalistic school is a sociological approach to study society. It studies the forms of social relation or their socialization. It emphasises on the study on the forms. Main supporter of this school are Weber, Simmel and Ward.

Q. 10. What do you know about Synthetic School ?

Ans : Sociology is a general science which studies society as a whole. This perspective does not consider speciality in sociology. Main supporters of the school are Durkheim, Hob house and Sorokin.

Q. 11. Discuss the pluralistic perspective of a society ?

Ans : Society can be understood better as a group of people who are interacting, interdependent, have a structure and follow a similar cultural patter. Each society is unique. Society includes similarities, diversities, inequalities, because in the society each individual has his own personal values and ideals.