

**M.G.S. UNIVERSITY,
BIKANER**

SYLLABUS

SCHEME OF EXAMINATION AND COURSES OF STUDY

FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCE

M.A. SOCIOLOGY

**M.A. PREVIOUS EXAMINATION – 2024
M.A. FINAL EXAMINATION - 2025**



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M.A. (Previous) Sociology, 2023
Paper I: Theoretical Perspective

3 Hrs. Duration

Max. Marks: 100

Unit - I

Social Structure and Social System. Status & Role. Social Action

Unit - II

Socialization and Social Control :Theories and Mechanism. Inequality and Stratification, Group

Unit – III

Man, society and culture. Anomie, Deviation and Alienation

Unit – IV

Structural and functional perspective : From H. Spencer to R.K. Merton

Unit-V

Conflict Perspective : Karl Marx, L. A. Coser, Dahrendorff and Collins

Essential Readings:

Collins, Randall, 1997(Indian Edition). Sociological theory: Jaipur and New Delhi; Rawat.

Giddens, Anthony, 1983. Central Problems in Social theory : Action, Structure and contradiction in social analysis. London : Macmillan.

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

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.

Paper II: Methodology of Social Research.

3 Hrs. Duration

Maximum Marks for Non – Collegiate students

100 Marks

Maximum Marks for Regular students

60 Marks

Case study

40 Marks

Unit - I

Nature of Social Reality and Approaches to it: Positivism, Phenomenology, Ethno Methodology and Symbolic Interactions.

Unit - II

Interpretative understanding, Logic of enquiry in Social Science Research, Inductive and Deductive. Theory building.

Unit - III

Objectivity/Value neutrality, Hypothesis. Quantitative Methods and Survey Research, Survey Techniques and its limitations, Operationalization and Research Design.

Unit - IV

Sampling, Questionnaire Construction, Interview Schedule, Reliability and Validity, Models and Paradigms.

Unit - V

Qualitative Research Techniques: Participant Observation, Interview Guide, Case Study method, Content Analysis. Validity & Reliability in Qualitative Research. Average: Mean, Mode, Median.

Case Study :

The case study will be undertaken by the candidates under the general guidance of the Head of the department. The report shall not exceed 25 typed pages double space (8" X 11" Size paper). The report shall be submitted in duplicate to the Head of the Department by concerned faculty at least six weeks before the commencement of the annual examination. The External Examiner shall examine the field-work report, award marks and forward the same along with one copy of the report to the University at least four weeks preceding the examination.

Note: - Private candidate will not be permitted to offer case study, for them the theory paper will carry 100 marks.

Essential Readings:

Gibbs	:	Sociological Theory and Construction.
Goode & Hatt	:	Research Methods in Social Science.
Gross Alwyn	:	Sociological Theory-Inquires and Paradigms.
Hegdrown & Labowitch	:	An introduction to Sociological Orientation.
John C. Mekinney	:	Constructing Typology and Social Theory.
Lynds Robert	:	Knowledge for what?
Lazersfield & Rosenberg (ed.)	:	The Language of Social Research.
Madge John	:	The Tools of Social science.
Moories Rosenberg	:	The Logic of Survey Analysis.
Ram Ahuja	:	Research Method.
Seltiz, Jahoda & Others	:	Research Methods in Behavioural Science.
Sjoberg and Nett	:	A Methodology for Social Research.
Young P.V.	:	Scientific Social Survey and Research.

Paper III: Indian Social System

3 Hrs. Duration

Max. Marks: 100

Unit - I

Synthesis of culture, tradition, sanskritization, westernization, modernization.

Unit - II

Indian Social System : Varnashram, Caste, Marriage, Family, status of women

Unit - III

Tradition and Modernity, pattern Variables : Nature & direction of Social Change in India, caste and class

Unit - IV

Economic development and Globlization. Change and Transformation in Indian Society, Nation-building and National Identity.

Unit -V

Recent trends : Social Media and Social reality, roll of civil society, cast and politics, culture and environment.

Essential Readings:-

- DeSouza, P.R. (ed.) 2000 Contemporary India-Transitions (New Delhi: Sage)
Dhanagare, D.N. 1993: Themes and Perspectives in Indian Sociology (Jaipur Rawat).
Dube, S.C. 1973: Social Sciences in a Changing Society (Lucknow University Press).
Dumont, Louis 1970: Homo Hierchicus: The Caste System and its Implications (New Delhi: Vikas)
Karve, Irawati 1961: Hindu Society: An Interpretation (Poona: Deccan College).
Momin, A.R. 1996: The Legacy of G.S. Ghurye: A Centennial Felicitation, (Popular Prakashan, Bombay)
Mukherjee, D.P. 1958: diversities, People's Publishing House, Delhi.
Oommen, T.K. and P.N. Mukherjee, (eds) 1986: Indian Sociology: Reflections and Introspections, Popular Prakashan, Bombay.
Singh, K.S. 1992: The People of India: An Introduction, Seagull Books, calcutta,
Singh, Y.1986: Indian sociology: Social Conditioning and Emerging Concerns, Delhi Vistaar.
Srinivas, M.N. 1960: India's Villages, Asia Publishing House, Bombay.

Paper IV : Rural Society in India

3 Hrs. Duration

Max. Marks: 100

Unit - I

Rural Social Structure: Basic characteristics of Peasant and Agrarian Society, Little Community. Rural Social System.

Unit - II

Processes: - Parochalisation, Universalization, Sanskritization, Little & Great Tradition.

Unit - III

Rural Poverty, Emigration, Landless Labour, Major Agrarian Movements in India- A Critical Analysis.

Unit - IV

Rural Power Structure, Leadership - its Changing patterns. Planned Change for Rural Society, Panchayati-raj, Local Self govt. and Community Development Programmes and Rural Development strategies.

Unit - V

Globalization and its impact on agriculture, Agrarian legislation and rural social structure. Impact of climate change on agriculture.

Essential Readings:-

Andre Betille 1974 :Six Essays in Comparative Sociology, OPU, New Delhi (Relevant Chapters)
Ashish Nandy 1999 : Ambiguous Journey to the City, New Delhi: OUP
Berch, Berberogue,(Ed.) 1992: Class, State and Development in India 1,2,3 and 4 Chapters. Sage, New Delhi.
Desai A.R. 1977 : Rural Sociology in India, Popular Prakashan, Bombay.
Dhanagare D.N. 1988 : Peasant Movements in India, OPU, New Delhi.
Mencher J.P.1983 : Social Anthropology of peasantry Part III, OUP

P. Radhakrishnan,1989 : Peasant Struggles: Land reforms and Social Change in Malabar 1836-1982. Sage Publications: New Delhi.

Thorner, Daniel and Thorner Alice 1962: Land and Labour in India, Asia Publications, Bombay.

Srinivas, M.N. 1966. Social Change in Modern India. Berkley, University of Berkley.

Symposium on Implications of Globalization. 1995. Sociological Bulletin. Vol. 44(Articles by mathew, Pannini, & Pathy),

UNDP Sustainable Development, New York: OUP.

World Bank, 1995, World Development Report. New York.

M.A. (FINAL) Sociology, 2024 Paper V: Advance Sociological Theories

3 Hrs. Duration

Max. Marks: 100

Unit - I

Nature and meaning of Sociological Theory. Levels of Theorization - Micro and Macro Theories in Sociology, Middle Range Theory. Theory and Research. Theory and Fact.

Unit - II

Major Sociological Perspective - Scientific and Humanistic Perspective, Conventional and Radical Theories. Historical theories and ,Structural-Functionalism.

Unit - III

Trends in Sociological Theory: Ethnomethodological and Phenomenological approaches. , Symbolic Interaction, Social Exchange Theory.

Unit- IV

Dialectical (Marxism), and Critical (Frankfurt School) Theories, Structuralism , Post structuralism :
M. Foucault

Unit- V

Neo approaches in Sociological Theory- Modernism, Structuralism- Giddens, Habitus Neo functionalism – J. Alexander and Fiol: Bourdieu, Post modernism- Semiotics- Convergence.

Essential Readings:

Fimer Silverman Walsh:New Direction in sociological Theory.

Gouldner: Coming Crisis of Western Sociology.

Hans Pater-Dritzal: Recent Sociology (No 2)

Harold Grafinkel: Studies in Ethnomethodology

Hegedrown: An Introduction to Sociological Orientation.

Homans G.C. : Social Behavior : Its Elementary forms

John C. Mekkney and E.A Tiryakian : Theoretical Sociology

Martindale: Nature and Types of Sociological Theory

Nisbet& Bottomore: History of Sociological Analysis- Perspectives and development

Peter. M. Blau : Exchange and Power in Social Life.

Peter Ekeh : Social Exchange.

Skid More : Theoretical Thinking in Sociology.

Paper VI: Social Thinkers

3 Hrs. Duration

Max. Marks: 100

Unit- I

Karl Marx.

Unit- II

Emile Durkheim

Unit- III

Max Weber.

Unit- IV

August Comte and Herbert Spencer.

Unit- V

G.S.Ghurye, Radha Kamal Mukherji and D.P.Mukherji.

Essential Readings:

Anthony Giddens: Capitalism and Modern Social Theory.

Aron: Main Currents in Sociological Thought Vols. I & II.

Becker : Sociological Thought from lore to Science.

Bottomore : Karl Marx.

David Mc-Lelan: Marxism after Marx.

Gerth and Mills : Essays on Max Weber.

Gurvitch and Moore: Twentieth Century Sociology.

Major Original Works of the above authors must be read.

International Encyclopedia of Social Sciences.

Martindale: Nature and Types of Sociological Theory.

Robert A Nisbet: Emile Durkheim

Sorokin: Contemporary Sociological Theories.

T. Abel : Sociological Thought.

Paper VII: Sociology for India.

3 Hrs. Duration

Max. Marks: 100

Unit- I

Approaches to the Study of Indian Society. Development of Sociology in India. Theoretical Categorization of Sociological Contributions on Indian Society.

Unit- II

Agrarian Social Structure : Land Tenure, Land reforms, Organization of production, Inequality and Social Structure. Urban Social Structure: Nature and types of Urban Community, Urbanization.

Unit- III

A.R. Desai- Social Background of Indian Nationalism (Classic & Social movement), Yogender Singh- Modernization of Indian Tradition

Unit- IV

Workers Agricultural Society in India. Socio-cultural factors in agriculture productivity. Group dynamics and agricultural processes. Motivational problems of agricultural workers.

Unit- V

Agrarian tensions and movements. Industrial tensions and labour movements. Globalization and economic development in India.

Essential Readings:

A.R. Desai : Social Background of Indian Nationalism.

Beteille, Andre : Studies in Agrarian Social Structure, Delhi : OUP 1974
Beteille Andre: Castes :Old and New Bombay : Asia publishing House, 1969 (Chapter 4).

I.C.S.S.R. : Vol. I to IV andre Beteille: Studies on Agrarian Social Structure Contribution to Indian Sociology: All Volumes.

I.P. Desai : Some aspects of Family in Mahua.

Milton Singer : "The Cultural Role of Cities" Economic Development & Cultural Change 3,

Rao, M.S.A. (ed) : Urban Sociology in India: Reader and Source book, New

- Delhi.
- R.K. Mukherji : Sociology and Indian Society.
Singh, Yogendra : Modernization of Indian Tradition Delhi : Thomson Press
1973.
- Srinivas, M.N. : Social Change in Modern India, Mumbai : Allied Publishers.
Throner, Daniel : The Agrarian Prospect in India, Delhi University Press. 1956.
Unnithan and others : Sociology for India.
Warriner Dorrer : Land Reform in Principle and Practice. OUP 1969.

Paper VIII

**Any One of the Following
Paper VIII (I): Industrial Sociology**

3 Hrs. Duration

Max. Marks: 100

Unit- I

Nature and Scope of Industrial Sociology. Socio-cultural factors and Industrial growth in developing Societies.

Unit- II

Importance of the study of Industrial Sociology. Work and Leisure: Innovations and adjustments

Unit- III

Incentive and Productivity Models of Industrial Development, Sociological and Ideological Conception.

Unit- IV

Labour Characteristics in Sociological Perspectives. Workers ,Supervisor and Authority Relations. Trade Unions and its functions, housing and community welfare of labourers.

Unit- V

Collective Bargaining and Worker's Participation in Management, Joint management councils and quality circles. Labour management relations: an overview of industrial and labour relations.

Essential Readings:

- Dehrendorf : Class and Class Conflict in Industrial Society.
Eric : The Sane Society.
Gandhi M.K. : Swaraj and Other Writings
Giri V.V : Labour Problems in Indian Industry.
Gisbert P. 1972 : Fundamentals of Industrial Sociology. Bombay: Tata McGraw Hill
Krober (ed). : Anthropology Today (Selected portions.)
Laski : Trade Unionism in New Society.
Lamber : Workers, Factories and Social Change in India.
Marx Karl : The Capital Vol. I (Selected Portions)
Moore : Industrial Relations and Social Order.
Mukerji R.K. : Indian Working Class.
Myers : Industrial Relations in India.
Paterson : Social Aspects of Industry.
Pncikar : Industrial Peach in India.
Punekar S D et all 1978 : Labour welfare, Trade Union and Industrial relations, Bombay:
Himalaya Publishing House.

Ramaswamy E R 1978 Schncider	:	Industrail relations in India, New Delhi: Allied schncider Sociology of Industrial Relations. Schncider E.V. 1957 Industrial Sociology, New York: McGraw Hill.
Smelser	:	Social Change and Industrial Revolution
Warner	:	Social System of the Modern Factory.

Paper VIII (II): Political Sociology:

3 Hrs. Duration

Max. Marks: 100

Unit - I

Meaning, definition and subject matter of Political Sociology. Nature of political Sociology. Basic Concepts in Political Sociology, Political System, Political Development and Political Power. Distinctive approaches of Political Sociology.

Unit - II

Democratic and totalitarian systems- Socio-economic conditions conducive for their emergence and stability. Political Culture - meaning and significance. Political socialization - meaning, significance and agencies.

Unit - III

Elite theories of distribution of power in society (with references to Mosca Pareto, R. Mitchels and C.W.Mills). Intellectuals - political role of intellectual- significance.

Unit - IV

Pressure Groups and Interest groups- nature , bases, Political significance. Bureaucracy : characteristics, types and its significance in political development with special reference to India.

Unit - V

Political Parties: Characteristics, social composition of parties, Recruitment, Mass Participation, Political Apathy, its causes and consequences (with special reference to India). Political process in India: role of caste , religion, regionalism and language in Indian politics. Politicization of social life. Public opinion and role of mass media.

Essential Readings:

1. Bailey, F.G. : Political & Social Change in Orissa.
2. Bani, M. Garg, A.P. : How People Vote.
3. Clifford, Greated : Old Societies and New States.
4. C.H. Philips : Politics and Society.
5. Eulan H & Others : Political Behavior (Relevant Chapters)
6. Hugh. Tinker : Ballot Box and Bayment.
7. Lasswell : Power and Society.
8. Lipser, S.N. : Political Man.
9. Lenin, V.I. : State and Revolution.
10. Landeer, Bart : Ethical Values in International Decision making.
11. Landeer, Bart : Pause and Making.
12. Merton & Others : Readings in Bureaucracy.
13. Mills, C. Wright : The Power Elite.
14. Pareto V : Mind and Society.
15. R. Bendix : Class, Status and Power.
16. Weiner, Myron : Politics of Scarcity, Public Pressure
& Political Response in India.
17. Weber, Max : Essays in Society.
18. Znaniscki F. : A Modern Nationality: A Sociological Study.

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Paper VIII (III): Sociology of Religion

3 Hrs. Duration

Max. Marks: 100

Unit - I

Sociology of Religion: meaning, nature and scope. Approaches of Study.

Unit - II

Basic concepts: Belief system, magic and religion, science and religion. Elements of religion Experience - Typology of religions.

Unit - III

Religious Organization & Religious Leadership. Religion & Society in India. Socio religious movements, popular religion and emerging cults.

Unit- IV

Theoretical perspective of Religion: Structuralism (Levi Strauss), Functionalism (Durkheim), Phenomenology(Max Weber) and Dialectical Materialism(Karl Marx)

Unit - V

Social change and religion in India: Fundamentalism, Communalism, Secularism and Proselytism.

Essential Readings:

1. Durkeim. E. : Elementary forms of Religious life.
2. Milton Singer : Sociology of Religion.
3. Robertson (Ed.) : Sociology of Religion.
4. Srinivas M.N. : Religion and society Among Coorgs.
5. Singer : Society, Religion and Individual.
6. Scharf Betty R. : The sociological Study of Religion.
7. Vernon : Sociology of Religion.
8. Weber M. : Sociology of Religion.
9. Wach J. : Sociology of Religion

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Paper VIII (IV) : Environmental sociology

3 Hrs. Duration

Max. Marks: 100

Unit-I

Introduction to Environmental Sociology: origin, meaning, area of thrust, future and relation with Other branches of Sociology. Social Dimensions of Environmental Change and Disasters.

Unit-II

Environmental Justice and Social Stratification. Globalization and Environment. Use, Management and Protection of Natural Resources for Conservation and development at Local, National and Global level.

Unit-III

Environmental issues of Developed and Developing Nations. Development, Displacement, Relocation and Environmental Problems.

Unit- IV

Contribution of Radhakamal Mukherjee and Ram Chandra Guha. Exploitation and Pollution of Natural Resources and its impact in India. Clean Ganga and other River's Project. National Green Tribunal. National Commission on water.

Unit-V

Civil Society and Environmental issues. Social Forestry and joint forest management. Familial Forestry as a new discourse in Environmental Activism.

Suggested Readings

Environmental Sociology: Riley E. Dunlop, Brent K Marshal. Sage Publication.
Handbook of Environmental Sociology: Dunlop Riley E and William Michalson. Greenwood Press.
Human Behaviour and social Environment: Van wormer. Oxford Uni. Press.

Global Problems and Ecological Crisis in Introduction to Sociology. Giddens, W. W. Norton and Co.,
Development, Displacement and Resettlement : Verma Manish Kumar. Rawat,Jaipur.
India Year Book, NBT, New Delhi.

Paper IX: Any one of the following Paper IX (I):

(1) Dissertation

Max. Marks: 100

Based on Field Work or Library Research

The fieldwork shall be carried on under the general guidance of the head of the Department or/ and Post Graduate teacher can act as a field supervisor. The head of the Department shall determine the candidate's suitability and competence to offer field work on the marks obtained in the M.A. Previous sociology Examination. Only those students who secure at least 55% marks in previous shall be considered to offer this paper. Private Candidates shall not be allowed to offer this paper. The fieldwork shall relate to the collections of first hand data and their sociological analysis.

- (I) The Text of the fieldwork report shall not be less than 100 pages.
- (II) Colour-The prescribed colour for the cover page shall be red for the Arts Faculty.
- (III) Duration-Candidate shall submit three typed or computerized copies of their fieldwork report to the Head of the Department before one month from the commencement of the main examination.

The fieldwork report shall bear the following certificate from the Head of the Department and the Field Supervisor-

"To the best of our Knowledge we certify, that the facts reported by the candidate in this report have been collected first hand by candidate under our guidance and supervision: and that othersources wherever used have been duly acknowledge."

Paper IX (II): Social Anthropology

3 Hrs. Duration

Max. Marks: 100

Unit- I

Social Anthropology: Methods and Models of Study. Structural Functional, Evolutionary and Comparative approaches.

Unit- II

Primitive Social System: Exchange, Alliance, Descent Patrilineal, Matrilineal, double and Cognatic Descent.

Unit- III

Inheritance and Succession. Kinship terminology and Usages. Kinship and an organizing principle.

Unit- IV

Marriage and affinity. Monogamy and Polygamy. Marriage transactions. Stability of marriage.

Unit- V

Primitive Political System, Primitive Economic System, Primitive Religious System.

Essential Readings:

1. Banton : The Relevance of Models in Social Anthropology.
2. Bohanan : Social Anthropology.
3. Gluckman, Max : Politics, Law and Rituals in Tribal Society.
4. Leach, E.R. : Political Systems of Highlighted Burma
5. Leve Strauss : Structural Anthropology.
6. Lucy Mair : An Introduction to Social Anthropology
7. Murdock : Social Structure
8. Radcliff Brown : Structure and Function in Primitive Society.
9. Redcliff Brown (Ed.) : African Systems of Kinship and Marriage, Oxford University Press.

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Paper IX (III): Social Psychology

3 Hrs. Duration

Max. Marks: 100

Unit- I

Contemporary Social Psychology as a branch of Social Science. Group Dynamics, Leadership, Propaganda.

Unit- II

Public Opinion, Collective Behavior, Social Prejudices and Social Tensions.

Unit- III

Social and Cultural Determinants of Personality. Basic Personality Structure, Marginal Man.

Unit- IV

National Character-Its Critical Review. Methods in Social Psychology

Unit- V

Field Theory, Role Theory and Cognitive Theory, Theories of Learning.

Essential Readings:

1. Crutches and Crutchfield. : Social Psychology.
2. Gardiner and Linton. : The Individual and his Society.
3. Kimbal Young. : Handbook of Social Psychology.
4. Lindsay. : Handbook of Social Psychology.
5. Linton R. : Cultural Background of Personality.
6. Roger Brown. : Social Psychology.
7. Sherrif and Sherrif. : An Outline of Social Psychology.
8. Smelser. : Theory of Collective Behavior.

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Paper IX (IV): Criminology

3 Hrs. Duration

Max. Marks: 100

Unit- I

Criminology-Traditional and Critical Concepts, Scope of crime and frequency, Delinquency, Etiology and control of crime.

Unit- II

Criminal System, Typology-Professional, Female, White Collar and Organized Criminal.

Unit- III

Punishment-Theories and types, Prison System, Inmate System, Prisonisation, Open prison/ Probation and Parole, role of victim in crime.

Unit –IV

Correction and its forms: Meaning and significance of correction. Forms of correction-prison base and community base. Model of correction.

Unit- V

Problems of Correctional Administration : antiquated jail manual and prison act, overcrowding , custodial mindset, lack of inter agency coordination among police, prosecution , judiciary and prison, human right and prison management , limitations and prospects of correction.

Essential Readings:

- Ahuja Ram : Criminology.
- Barms H.E. And Teeters N.K. : New Horizons in Criminology, New York, Prentice Hall Inc. 1959.
- Clinard M.B. : Sociology of Deviant Behavior.
- Rinchart and Winstone, N.Y. : Criminology.
- Jhonson & Wolf Gang : Sociology and Crime and Delinquency.
- Bedi, Kiran : It is always possible. New Delhi, Sterling Publications Pvt. Ltd.
- Reid, Suetitus. : Crime and Criminology, Illinayes: Deyddans Press.

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++6+Paper IX (V): Sociological Statistics

3 Hrs. Duration

Max. Marks: 100

Unit- I

Statistics in Sociology- Meaning, functions and abuses of statistics; the place of statistics in research process. Frequency distributions and their characteristics, Measurement.

Unit- II

Measures of Central tendency and variation: Selecting the most appropriate measure of central tendency and variation.

Unit- III

Association Measures: Meaning and Characteristics of association: Bivariate /Conditional variables, Phi Lambda, Contingency Co-efficient, Cramer's V. Spearman's Persons and Gamma. Selecting most appropriate measure of Association; Cautions about the Interpretation of Association Measures.

Unit- IV

Inferential Statistics: Concept of Parametric and non-parametric statistics; Parameter estimation.

Unit- V

Hypothesis testing: The logic of significance test; steps in testing a hypothesis. Testing hypothesis about proportions and categorical data (Chi square.).

Essential Readings:

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| 1. Champion | : | Basic Statistics for Social Research. |
| 2. Elifson, Runyon Haber | : | Fundamentals of Social Statistics. |
| 3. Handel | : | Introductory Statistics for Sociology. |
| 4. Levin | : | Elementary Statistics for Social Research. |
| 5. Loether and Metavish | : | (i) Descriptive Statistics for Sociologists: An Introduction |
| | | (ii) Inferential Statistics for Sociologists: An Introduction. |
| 6. Lutz | : | Understanding Statistics for Sociology. |