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Subject : Rural Sociology (Course Curriculum)

- I. Rural sociology and other social sciences
 - 1.1 Sociology as science and complimentary with other social sciences
 - 1.2 How is each discipline different from another ?
 - 1.3 Rural- Urban differences
- II. Institutions and Social Processes
 - 2.1 Social institutions
 - 2.2 Economic institutions
 - 2.3 Religious institutions
 - 2.4 Political institutions
 - 2.5 Social Processes (interaction) : accommodation, adjustment, assimilation and amalgamation
 - 2.6 Social Processes : cooperation, consensus, competition, conflict and integration
- III. Social Stratification and Inequality
 - 3.1 Meaning and bases
 - 3.2 Inequity, equity and equality
- IV. Sociological Theories
 - 4.1 Classical theories
 - 4.1.1 Emile Durkheim : Functionalism : Mechanical and Organic Solidarity , Anomie and Division of labor
 - 4.1.2 Max Weber : Bureaucratic theory of management and rational theory
 - 4.1.3 Karl Max : Theory of class and class conflict, Theory of surplus value
 - 4.2 Contemporary Theories
 - 4.2.1 Herbert Blumer and Manford Kuhn: Symbolic interactionism
 - 4.2.2 Harold Garfinkel : Ethno methodology
 - 4.2.3 Ralf Dahendorf : Theory of class conflict (Rulers and the ruled)
- V. Social science Research Methodology
 - 5.1 Research designs and sampling
 - 5.2 Scientific research processes
 - 5.3 Qualitative and quantitative research
 - 5.4 Some qualitative and quantitative data collection tools and techniques
 - 5.5 Ethical considerations in social science research
- VI. Change and Development
 - 6.1 Concept of change and development
 - 6.2 Theories of social change
 - 6.3 Causes and effects of social change

- 6.4 Theories of development and underdevelopment
- 6.5 People- centered development
- 6.6 Community development, rural development and sustainable development
- VII. Agrarian Structure and Agriculture Development
 - 7.1 Agrarian issues
 - 7.2 Performance of agriculture
 - 7.3 Problems and prospects of agriculture development
 - 7.4 Agriculture development, poverty reduction and employment
 - 7.5 Women in Farming
- VIII. Gender and Development
 - 8.1 Women's position in rural society
 - 8.2 Patriarchy
 - 8.3 Feminist Theories : Liberal feminism and Marxist feminism
 - 8.4 WID, WAd, GAD