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M.A. / M.Sc. (Final) Geography Paper - IV (D) : Social Geography

Unit - I

- a) Nature and Development of social geography.
- b) Scope and significance of social geography.
- c) Philosophical bases of social geography.
- d) Positivity, structuralist and radical.
- e) Humanist, post-modern, and post structuralist.
- f) Social geography in the realm of social science.

Unit – II

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

Unit - III

- a) Towards a social geography of India: nature and problems of social geographical 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.
- e) 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) Rural-urban deprivation with respect to shelter, health and education.
- d) Deprivation and discrimination issues relating to women and underprivileged groups.
- e) Patterns and bases of rural and urban society.

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.
- e) Social and environmental impact assessment of development projects.

Suggested Readings:

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5. Guha, B.S., Racial Elements in India's Population, Oxford University Press, London.
6. Singh K.S., Tribal Situation in India, IIAS, Shimla.