

Sociology

Objectives

It is common knowledge that the legal system is a sub system of a larger social system and there are innumerable ways, some direct and some indirect, in which the social system and the legal system influences the society. Today, particularly in developing societies governed by the rule of law, the interaction between legal and social processes are so pronounced that no intelligent student of law can ignore the behaviour and policy dimensions of legal norms and process. The challenge of socially relevant legal education today is to find ways and means to enable the future lawyers to enlarge the base of his expertise with those developed by behavioral scientists so that he can fully and competently perform the social mission of law as designed by the constitutions of States and international declarations.

Modern sociology has emerged as a ‘general science of society’ concerned with the study of structured, organization, relationships, and processes to change within it. Sociologists thus attempt to provide answers to social tensions, conflicts, change and order which incidentally are the primary concerns of lawyers as well whether the emphasis is on individual “society”. The sociological method and knowledge have become imperative tools for understanding behaviour and its control. The impact on legal thought and practice is truly substantial, yet very little of it is studied, analysed and utilised by the legal community.

Units

1) Sociology

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1.1 Definition

1.2 Nature

1.2.1 Is it a science or not

1.2.2 Sociology is a science

1.3 Scope

1.3.1 Specialist school

1.3.2 Formalistic school

1.4: Relation of sociology with other social sciences

1.4.1 History

1.4.2 Politics

1.4.3 Psychology

1.4.4 Law

1.5: Importance of sociology

2) Law and Society

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2.1 Definitions of law	
2.2 Definitions of society	
2.3 Community, Association, Institution, Organization	
2.4 Nature of Society	
2.5 Some Sociological approaches to law - Durkhiem, Karl Marx & Maxweber	
2.6 Law in relation to Social Order in India	
2.7 Kinds of Law	
2.8 Legal system in Modern India	
2.9 Law and social change in India	
2.10 People's participation in legal change	
3) Social Control	(03)
3.1 Meaning of Social Control	
3.2 Social Control and Socialisation	
3.3 Need of Social Control	
3.4 Means of Social Control	
3.5 Social Order	
4) Social Change in Independent India	(06)
4.1 Social change - Meaning	
4.2 Sources of social change	
4.2.1 Cultural Interaction	
4.2.2 Planning	
4.2.3 Legislation	
4.2.4 Synergism	
4.2.5 Conflict and protest	
4.2.6 Education	
4.2.7 Industrial - Urbanization	
4.3 Consequence of Social Change	
5) The Regulation of Behaviour	(04)
5.1 Force in Social Life	
5.2 Custom and Public opinion	
5.3 Religion and Morality	
5.4 Law & Education	
6) Jurisprudence	(02)
6.1 Definition	
6.2 Sociological Jurisprudence	
7) Sociological Thought	(02)

7.1 Auguste Comte	
7.2 Karl Marx	
7.3 Emile Durkhiem	
7.4 Charles Horton Cooley	
8) Social Deviance	(02)
8.1 Definition of Deviance	
8.2 Deviance in Simple and Complex Society Comparison	
8.3 Juvenile Delinquency - Legislation	
8.4 Law of Crime	
9) Role of Religion	(05)
9.1 Family and Education in Indian Society	
9.1.2 Define Religion, Family, Education	
9.1.2 Judicial background of Family and Inheritance	
9.1.3 Education and social structure	
9.1.4 State and Religious Pluralism	
Tutorials	(05)
Total	(50)

Suggested Readings:

- Sachdeva D.R., Bhushan, Vidya, *Introduction of Sociology*, Kitab Mahal Edition 29 (2007)
- Oommen T.K., Venugopal, C.N., *Sociology for Law Students*, Eastern Book Company (1998)
- Tandon, M.P., *Jurisprudence Legal Theory*, Allahabad Law Agency, Edition 14, (1989)
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- Coser, Lewis. A., *Master Of Sociological Thought: Ideas in Historical and Social Context*, Rawat Publication, Edition 2, (2004)
- Devis, Kingsley, *Human Society*, Surjeet Publications, Edition 1, (1981)
- The Academy Of Legal Publication, *Sociology*, Association of L.P.
- Sethna, Jehangir M.J., *Society and the Criminal*, Edition 4
- Singh, U.S., *Sociology*

Note: Students are expected to read latest journals, periodicals, reports and articles to keep abreast with the recent trends and developments in this area of Law.

