

CBSE Class 11 Sociology
NCERT Solutions
Chapter 1
Sociology and Society

1. Why is the study of the origin and growth of sociology important?

Ans. It is relevant to understand the origin and growth of sociology because:

- Issues and concerns raised in sociology developed during the rapid changes that occurred in European societies in the 18th and 19th centuries.
 - Capitalism and industrialisation undermined the old settled order and gave rise to many issues like urbanisation or factory production which are pertinent to all modern societies in varied form.
 - The global impact of capitalism has been seen as the cause of uneven transformation of societies.
 - Sociology emerged as a subject after the French Revolution of 1789. The French Revolution brought about a tremendous socio-political change in society, leading to disruption of family life and other social relations.
 - The transformation in Indian society from past to present is linked to the history of British capitalism or colonialism.
 - The work of western sociologists on capitalism and other aspects of modern society are relevant for understanding the social change in India.
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2. Discuss the different aspects of the term 'society'. How is it different from your common sense understanding?

Ans.

- Society is the web of social relationship.
- Sociology is a system of usage and procedures of authority and mutual aid of many groupings and division of control of human behaviour and of liberties. (MacIver and Page).
- This definition of sociology emphasises that main features of society are usage, procedure, authority, mutual aid, group and division and liberties.

- Usage means accepted ways (norms) of the society.
 - Procedure refers to social institutions like family or marriage which is important for social network.
 - Authority means a system which controls the units of society (Individual) or maintains social web.
 - Groups and division mean groups and subgroups in which the individual interacts and learn social norms.
 - Control of human behaviour refers to social control and freedom to the individuals in the form of written or unwritten norms which are important for smooth functioning of social network.
 - Above mentioned elements are different aspects of society and web of social relationship, according to MacIver and Page.
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