

SOC 102
SOCIAL STRUCTURE IN
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INTRODUCTION

- Definition of Social Structure
- Micro- sociological perspective of social structure
- Macro- sociological perspective of social structure
- Marriage: types of marriage-Monogamy, Polygamy, Polygyny, Polyandry and Group marriage
- Patterns of marital residence and functions of marriage

SOCIAL INSTITUTIONS

- Family as a social institution
- Nuclear family, Extended family, Family of orientation and Family of procreation
- Rules of Descent-Unilineal descent, Bilateral descent, Ambilineal descent and Double descent
- Economy- Determinants of national economy
- Types of economic system
- Capitalism, Socialism and Mixed economy

SOCIAL INSTITUTIONS

- Political Institutions- Legislature, Executive, Judiciary, INEC, Political Parties etc.
- Political participation
- Political parties and Elections
- Religious institutions: types of religion- Christianity, Islam, Traditional, Judaism, Buddhism, Taoism etc.
- Roles of religion in the society

SOCIAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Meaning and elements of social associations
- Types of social associations-family, clan, tribe and community
- Importance of social associations
- Indigenous social associations
- Occupational associations-Carpentry, Welding, Hair dressing Brick laying etc
- Economic associations
- Credit associations
- Age grade

SOCIAL CLASS

- Meaning of social class
- Types of social class-upper class, middle class, lower class, working class etc.
- Ways of determining social class-objective method, subjective method and reputational method
- Determinants of social class- Income, Education, Age, Gender, Employment status, Occupational group, Family cycle etc
- Functions of social class

SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP

- Meaning of a social entrepreneur
- Types of social entrepreneurship-community project, non-profit organisations, co-operative societies, social enterprises, social purpose businesses, micro- finance bank fair trade etc.
- Steps to follow to become a successful social entrepreneur
- Merits and demerits of social entrepreneurship

SOCIAL CHANGE

- Meaning and elements of social change
- Forms of social change- endogenous and exogenous social changes.
- Causes of social change-biological factors, national calamities, technological factors, urbanisation, demographic change, cultural change etc.
- Approaches to social change- evolutionary approach, diffusionist approach, structural functionalist approach, conflict approach etc.

SOCIAL MOBILITY

- Meaning of social mobility
- Types of social mobility- horizontal mobility, vertical mobility, inter-generational mobility, intra- generational mobility, downward mobility, downward mobility and occupational mobility.
- Factors influencing social mobility- economic prosperity, structure of the society, demographic structure, education, occupational prestige, types of government in power, urbanisation and industrialisation, legal and political factors etc.

KINSHIP SYSTEM

- Meaning of kinship
- Descent and kinship classification
- Bilateral descent- affiliation through relatives of mother's and father's sides.
- Unileneal descent- affiliation through either male or female
- Patrilocal descent- affiliation through the kinsmen of father's side only
- Matrilocal descent- affiliation through the kinsmen of mother's side only
- Cognatic descent- affiliation through the kinsmen of father's or mother's line
- Double descent- affiliation through a group of patrilineal kinsmen and a group of mother's kinsmen.