

What is sociology?

- 1. Sociology is the study of social life, social change, the social causes and consequences of human behavior.**
- 2. Sociologists investigate the structure of group, organizations, societies and how people interact within these contexts.**

The word Sociology ...

- The word Sociology came from Latin and Greek words.

1. Latin word- Socious = Society

2. Greek words- Logous = Science/ Logy

Hence,

Sociology is

Society + Science

Therefore.....

Sociology is the science of society.

Father of Sociology

- Auguste Comte (1798) considered as the Father of sociology.
- **Full Name**- Isidore Marie Auguste François Xavier Comte
- He was **French philosopher**.
- **His books-**
 1. Course of Positive Philosophy-1830.
 2. Introduction to positive philosophy.
 3. A General View of Positivism.

A. General "Plan" of Psychological Services
Responsible of the Division of Psychology and Law
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Definitions of Sociology

- **Auguste Comete-** the founding father of sociology, defines sociology as the science of social phenomena "subject to natural and invariable laws, the discovery of which is the object of investigation".
- **Kingsley Davis-** says that "Sociology is a general science of society".
- **Harry M. Johnson-** opines that "sociology is the science that deals with social groups".

Definitions of Sociology

- **Emile Durkheim**-: "Science of social institutions".
- **Park regards sociology**- as "the science of collective behavior".
- **Lester Ward**- sociology as "the science of society".
- **Marshall Jones** -defines sociology as "the study of man-in-relationship-to-men".
- **Ogburn and Nimkoff** -: "Sociology is the scientific study of social life".
- **Franklin Henry Giddings defines**- sociology as "the science of social phenomena".

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- **Max Weber**- defines sociology as " the science which attempts the interpretative understanding of social action in order thereby to arrive at a casual explanation of its course and effects".
- **Alex Inkeles**- says, "Sociology is the study of systems of social action and of their inter-relations".
- **Kimball Young and Raymond W. Mack**- say, "Sociology is the scientific study of social aspects of human life".
- **Morris Ginsberg**:- of the various definitions of sociology the one given by Morris Ginsberg seems to be more satisfactory and comprehensive. He defines sociology in the following way:
 - "In the broadest sense, sociology is the study of human interactions and inter-relations, their conditions and consequences".

Meaning of Sociology- in shortly..

- A careful examination of various definitions cited above, makes it evident that sociologists differ in their opinion about definition of sociology. Their divergent views about the definition of sociology only reveal their distinct approaches to its study. However, the common idea underlying all the definitions mentioned above is that **sociology is concerned with man, his social relations and his society.**

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Thank you