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- Importance and application of Sociology in Nursing

# INTRODUCTION

- The word sociology was coined by Auguste Comte – French Philosopher in 1839. He is consider as a father of Sociology.
- Sociology is the youngest of all the Social Sciences.
- The word Sociology is derived from the Latin Word 'Societus' which means 'society' and the Greek word 'logos' means 'science or study or advanced study'.
- Science of society or study of society.

# DEFINITION

- "Sociology is the science of society or of social phenomena".

**- L.F. Ward**

- "Sociology is the study of human interaction and interrelation of their conditions and consequences".

**- Ginsberg**

- " Sociology as a science of social institutions".

**- Emile Durkheim**

# DEFINITION

- "Sociology as the study of social life".

**- Ogburn and Nimkoff**

- "Sociology deals with the behavior of men in groups".

**- Kimball Young**

# Subject Matter of Sociology

Sociology is

- The study of society
- The science of social life
- The study of social relationships
- The study of human behavior in groups
- The study of forms of social relationships
- The study of social action
- The study of social groups and social systems

# Nature of Sociology

- Sociology is an Independent Science
- Sociology is a Social Science and not a Physical Science
- Sociology is a Categorical and not a Normative Discipline
- Sociology is a Pure Science and not an Applied Science
- Sociology is Relatively an Abstract Science not a Concrete Science
- Sociology is a Generalizing and not a Particularsing or Individualizing Science
- Sociology is Both a Rational and an Empirical

# Nature of Sociology

Sociology is an Independent Science.

- Sociology has now emerged into an independent science.
- It is not treated and studied as a branch of any other science like philosophy or political philosophy or history.
- As an independent science it has its own field of study, boundary and method.

# Nature of Sociology

Sociology is a Social Science and not a Physical Science.

- As a social science it concentrates its attention on man, his social behavior, social activities and social life.
- The fact that sociology deals with the Social universe it distinguishes from astronomy, physics, chemistry, geology, mathematics and other physical sciences.

# Nature of Sociology

Sociology is a Categorical and not a Normative Discipline

- Sociology "confines itself to statements about what it is, not what should be or ought to be".
- But it does not mean that sociological knowledge is useless and serves no purpose.
- It only means that sociology as a discipline cannot deal with problems of good and evil, right and wrong, and moral and immoral.

# Nature of Sociology

Sociology is a Pure Science and not an Applied Science

- Each pure science may have its own applied field. – For example: physics is a pure science and engineering is its applied field.
- Sociology as a pure science has its applied field such as administration, diplomacy, social work etc.

# Nature of Sociology

Sociology is Relatively an Abstract Science and not a Concrete Science

- Sociology is not interested in concrete only it demonstrations of human events.
- It is more concerned with the form of human events and their patterns.
- For example: Sociology is not concerned with particular wars and revolutions but with war and revolution in general, as a social phenomena, as a type of social conflict.

# Nature of Sociology

Sociology is a Generalizing and not a particularizing or individualizing Science

- Sociology tries to find out the general laws of principle about human interaction and association, about the nature, form, content and structure of human groups and societies.
- It does not study each and every event that takes place in society. It is not possible also.

# Nature of Sociology

Sociology is Both a Rational and Empirical Science

- Rationalism, stresses reason and the result from logical inference.
- Empiricism, is emphasizes experience and the facts that result from observation and experimentation.
- In Sociological inquiry both are significant.

# IMPORTANCE OF SOCIOLOGY

- Sociology has changed outlook with regard to the problems of crime etc.
- Sociology has made great contribution to enrich human culture.
- Sociology is of great importance in the solution of international problems.
- Sociology is useful as a teaching subject.
- Sociology as a profession.

# IMPORTANCE OF SOCIOLOGY IN NURSING

- Sociology is includes in the curriculum of nursing because health is include social component.
- Most of the illness have social causes and social consequences.
- Sociology gives knowledge to deal with patient and to understand this habits norms, culture and behavior etc.
- The nurse has to understand the necessity of changing the environment or surrounding.

# IMPORTANCE OF SOCIOLOGY IN NURSING

- To adjustment and services of the family members are important in the recovery process of the patient. So for understand this knowledge of family is essential for the nurse .
- Without sociological knowledge a nurse cannot understand the community.
- The sociological knowledge the nurse understand the factors of caste, faith, community, religion etc.

# IMPORTANCE OF SOCIOLOGY IN NURSING

- So this knowledge helps her to avoid prejudices and discrimination.
- As well as a nurse should understand the social position, status and social responsibilities with regard to health field by studying sociology.
- She as to work is accordance with rules and norms of it by removing egoistic and impulse based behavior.
- The nurse to understand the necessity to changing the environment for making recovery better.

# IMPORTANCE OF SOCIOLOGY IN NURSING

- Social correlates of disease including demographic factors can be understood by the nurse with the knowledge of Sociology.
- It helps the nurse to approach the patient at various level.
  - Emotional level
  - Cultural level
  - Intellectual level
- Importance of Sociology in Nursing
  - Emotional level.
    - The nurse should understand the patient emotions.
    - Nurse give some opportunity to patient for ventilate their feelings.
    - Which will reduce their emotional burden.
    - It is really helps to build up the rapport which is essential for effective curative intervention.

## Importance of Sociology in Nursing

- Cultural level
  - Patients may not be able to adjust with hospital environment because limitation of cultural environment. – For example: A female patient not to be ready to remove her mangal sutra at the time of surgery because of their cultural sentiments.
  - The nurse should explain the cultural thinking and give explanation the need for removing mangal sutra.

- Intellectual level
  - The patient is unable to understand the instructions and guidelines given by the nurse or doctors.
  - So here the knowledge of Sociology help to nurse to understand the intelligence of patients.
  - This knowledge makes the nurse to approach the patient sympathetically without emotional reaction.

# SCOPE OF SOCIOLOGY



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- Sociology is a fast growing academic discipline.
- It has developed various subfields to study different aspects of man's social life.
- Each subfields employs its own approach and techniques

# Scope in the field of Knowledge

- Society is the web of social institutions and all these institutions are interrelated and interlinked with each others.
- Sociologist have the basic and primary objective is to build up knowledge about the society and social interaction.
- Sociologist are required to gain the know- how about the social problems and their solutions.
- The specialized fields of sociology which give knowledge to the students of sociology about different aspects of human social life.

# Scope in the field of Education

- Sociology explain the condition & problem of social life.
- Sociology is a subject in collages &Universities
- There are well-known institutes where sociologists are engaged in research and teaching works
- A substantial majority of sociologists teach in one setting or another-high schools, two-year colleges, four-year colleges, or university graduate departments.
- Sociology is a rewarding field to convey to others. It combines the importance of social relevance with the rigor of a scientific discipline.
- It is also included in the programs of many professions, such as law, education, business, medicine, engineering, social work, and nursing.

# Scope in the field of Research

- Research is second to teaching as the most common career option within sociology.
- However, that there is not necessarily a choice between teaching and research. Many teaching positions, particularly in universities but also in four-year colleges, require research activities.
- One can do research in a variety of employment settings-in a university, a public agency at the federal, state, or local level, a business or industrial firm, or as a staff member of a research institute in the non-profit or advocacy sector.

# Application of Sociology in Nursing

- MEDICAL SOCIOLOGY
  - Medical Sociology deals with medicine in modern society. Public health problems like epidemics, coronary heart diseases, hypertension, diabetes and intestinal disorders are caused largely by social factors of stress and the strain due to fast modern life.
  - Medical Sociology is extremely useful for the entire health services. Sociologists examine disease in their social settings, in the life of the community as well as the bedside and in the laboratory for they all have their social causes as well as the individual causes.
  - Doctor – patient and nurse patient relationships, medical education and training, hospital administration, etc. are also studied in medical sociology.

# Application of Sociology in Nursing

- It will help the nurse to know the social life of the patients. The social environment plays an important part in health and diseases.

- Sociology will enable her to know the distinctive culture of each patient. In a vast sub continent like India with a variety of each religions, cast, tribes and communities, it is essential to know the culture of each patient.

- A knowledge of sociology will help the nurse to adjust herself in the hospital organization and administration as this will influence the probable outcomes of the actions planned. The nurse must understand how personal goals, values, attitudes, and emotional states of doctors and nurses build into life patterns of adjustments and how the influence the doctor nurse relationships in the hospital.

# Application of Sociology in Nursing

- Nurses working in a community will realize that community is a population made up of several groups of people living in a certain area. Sociology is the study of society and social relations of how people react to one another.

- Medical Sociology will enable the nurse to
  - Recognize the significance of social forces in health
  - Understand and appreciate the need to deal with social process as health values and motivation
  - Organize and administer public health programs as per motivational needs.

- Sociology helps in communication. Social interaction becomes effective when there is flow of communication from higher level to lower level and vice versa.

# Application of Sociology in Nursing

- Higher level of communication flows from nurse to patient. This constitutes problem identification and resources to solve the problem.
- Communication from patient to nurse indicates lower level which carries feedback with regard to ideas, opinions and attitudes towards the care taken.
- Communication supports nursing field to ensure that needs are adequately addressed in time.

# IMPORTANT QUESTIONS FOR FINAL EXAMINATION (Theory)

- Define Sociology ? How it is different from Social Psychology ?
- Write down the Nature or Characteristics of Sociology ?
- Importance of Sociology ?
- Importance of Sociology in Nursing ?
- Scope of Sociology ?
- What is Medical Sociology ?
- Application of Sociology in Nursing ?


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