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**Lesson 1: introduction to Sociology**

**1-Meaning of Sociology:**

The term has been derived from two words. The **Latin “socius”** mean **companionship** and the Greek **“logos”** mean **study**. So the term literally means **the study of human companionship or association or society**.

**Definitions:**

**Definition 1:**

Sociology is the scientific study of **“society”** (August Comte)

**OR**

**Definition 2:**

Sociology is the study of **“social facts and social actions”** (Max Weber)

**OR**

**Definition 3:**

Sociology is the scientific study of **“social aspects”** of human life (Mack Young)

**And**

**Definition 4:**

Sociology is the study of **“collective behavior”** (Park Burgess)

**Conclusion:**

On the basis of above definition, we can conclude that **Sociology is the science of society, human behavior, human interaction and relationships**.

**2- Origin / Historical background of Sociology:**

Systematic study of sociology started with **Greek**, they considered men **as social animal** and **the need of society**. The modern sociology was coined by **August Comte**. He considered

as the founder of modern sociology .He called it “social physic “.

