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## SOCIOLOGY TEST SERIES FOR MAINS

- *For candidates requiring specialized mentoring assistance, guidance and supervision in Sociology optional*
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<p><b>Test - 1.</b> <b>28th June.</b></p>	<p><b>1. Sociology - The Discipline:</b></p> <p>(a) Modernity and social changes in Europe and emergence of sociology.</p> <p>(b) Scope of the subject and comparison with other social sciences.</p> <p>(c) Sociology and common sense.</p>
<p><b>Test - 2.</b> <b>12th July.</b></p>	<p><b>2. Sociology as Science:</b></p> <p>(a) Science, scientific method and critique.</p> <p>(b) Major theoretical strands of research methodology.</p> <p>(c) Positivism and its critique.</p> <p>(d) Fact value and objectivity.</p> <p>(e) Non- positivist methodologies.</p>
<p><b>Test - 3.</b> <b>26th July.</b></p>	<p><b>3. Research Methods and Analysis:</b></p> <p>(a) Qualitative and quantitative methods.</p> <p>(b) Techniques of data collection.</p> <p>(c) Variables, sampling, hypothesis, reliability and validity.</p>
<p><b>Test - 4.</b> <b>9th August.</b></p>	<p><b>4. Sociological Thinkers:</b></p> <p>(a) Karl Marx- Historical materialism, mode of production, alienation, class struggle.</p> <p>(b) Emile Durkheim- Division of labour, social fact, suicide, religion and society.</p> <p>(f) Mead - Self and identity.</p>
<p><b>Test - 5.</b> <b>23rd August.</b></p>	<p><b>4. Sociological Thinkers:</b></p> <p>(c) Max Weber- Social action, ideal types, authority, bureaucracy, protestant ethic and the spirit of capitalism.</p> <p>(d) Talcott Parsons- Social system, pattern variables.</p> <p>(e) Robert K. Merton- Latent and manifest functions, conformity and deviance, reference groups</p>

<p><b>Test - 6.</b></p> <p><b>6th September.</b></p>	<p><b>5. Stratification and Mobility:</b></p> <p>(a) Concepts- equality, inequality, hierarchy, exclusion, poverty and deprivation.</p> <p>(b) Theories of social stratification- Structural functionalist theory, Marxist theory, Weberian theory.</p> <p>(c) Dimensions – Social stratification of class, status groups, gender, ethnicity and race.</p> <p>(d) Social mobility- open and closed systems, types of mobility, sources and causes of mobility.</p>
<p><b>Test - 7.</b></p> <p><b>20th September.</b></p>	<p><b>PAPER 1- UNIT 6: Works and Economic Life:</b></p> <p>(a) Social organization of work in different types of society- slave society, feudal society, industrial /capitalist society.</p> <p>(b) Formal and informal organization of work</p> <p>(c) Labour and society.</p> <p><b>PAPER 1-Unit 8 “RELIGION”: Religion and Society:</b></p> <p>(a) Sociological theories of religion.</p> <p>(b) Types of religious practices: animism, monism, pluralism, sects, cults.</p> <p>(c) Religion in modern society: religion and science, secularization, religious revivalism, fundamentalism.</p> <p><b>PAPER 2-“RELIGION” -B6. Religion and Society:</b></p> <p>(a) Religious communities in India.</p> <p>(b) Problems of religious minorities.</p>

<p><b>Test - 8.</b></p> <p><b>4th October.</b></p>	<p><b>Unit 7 ( Paper 1 and Paper 2 )</b></p> <p><b>7. Politics and Society:</b></p> <p>(a) Sociological theories of power.</p> <p>(b) Power elite, bureaucracy, pressure groups, and political parties.</p> <p>(c) Nation, state, citizenship, democracy, civil society, ideology.</p> <p>(d) Protest, agitation, social movements, collective action, revolution.</p> <p><b>C4. Politics and Society:</b></p> <p>(a) Nation, democracy and citizenship.</p> <p>(b) Political parties, pressure groups , social and political elite.</p> <p>(c) Regionalism and decentralization of power.</p> <p>(d) Secularization.</p>
<p><b>Test - 9.</b></p> <p><b>18th October.</b></p>	<p><b>Unit 9 ( Paper 1 and Paper 2 )</b></p> <p><b>9. Systems of Kinship:</b></p> <p>(a) Family, household, marriage.</p> <p>(b) Types and forms of family.</p> <p>(c) Lineage and descent</p> <p>(d) Patriarchy and sexual division of labour.</p> <p>(e) Contemporary trends.</p> <p><b>B5. Systems of Kinship in India:</b></p> <p>(a) Lineage and descent in India.</p> <p>(b) Types of kinship systems.</p> <p>(c) Family and marriage in India.</p> <p>(d) Household dimensions of the family.</p> <p>(e) Patriarchy, entitlements and sexual division of labour.</p>

<p><b>Test - 10.</b></p> <p><b>1st November.</b></p>	<p><b>PAPER 1- SOCIAL CHANGE</b></p> <p><b>UNIT 10. Social Change in Modern Society:</b></p> <p>(a) Sociological theories of social change.</p> <p>(b) Development and dependency.</p> <p>(c) Agents of social change.</p> <p>(d) Education and social change.</p> <p>(e) Science, technology and social change.</p> <p><b>PAPER 2- SOCIAL CHANGE</b></p> <p><b>C1. Visions of Social Change in India:</b></p> <p>(a) Idea of development planning and mixed economy.</p> <p>(b) Constitution, law and social change.</p> <p>(c) Education and social change.</p>
<p><b>Test - 11.</b></p> <p><b>15th November.</b></p>	<p><b>A. Introducing Indian Society:</b></p> <p><b>A1. Perspectives on the study of Indian society:</b></p> <p>(a) Indology. (GS. Ghurye).</p> <p>(b) Structural functionalism. (M N Srinivas).</p> <p>(c) Marxist sociology. ( A R Desai).</p> <p><b>A2. Impact of colonial rule on Indian society :</b></p> <p>(a) Social background of Indian nationalism.</p> <p>(b) Modernization of Indian tradition.</p> <p>(c) Protests and movements during the colonial period.</p> <p>(d) Social reforms.</p>

<p><b>Test - 12.</b></p> <p><b>29th November.</b></p>	<p><b>PAPER 2</b></p> <p><b>B1. Rural and Agrarian Social Structure:</b></p> <p>(a) The idea of Indian village and village studies.</p> <p>(b) Agrarian social structure - evolution of land tenure system, land reforms.</p> <p><b>B4. Social Classes in India:</b></p> <p>(a) Agrarian class structure.</p> <p>(b) Industrial class structure.</p> <p>(c) Middle classes in India.</p> <p><b>C2. Rural and Agrarian transformation in India:</b></p> <p>(a) Programmes of rural development, Community Development Programme, cooperatives, poverty alleviation schemes.</p> <p>(b) Green revolution and social change.</p> <p>(c) Changing modes of production in Indian agriculture.</p> <p>(d) Problems of rural labour, bondage, migration.</p>
<p><b>Test - 13.</b></p> <p><b>6th December.</b></p>	<p><b>PAPER 2</b></p> <p><b>B2. Caste System:</b></p> <p>(a) Perspectives on the study of caste systems: GS Ghurye, M N Srinivas, Louis Dumont, Andre Beteille.</p> <p>(b) Features of caste system.</p> <p>(c) Untouchability - forms and perspectives</p> <p><b>B3. Tribal communities in India:</b></p> <p>(a) Definitional problems.</p> <p>(b) Geographical spread.</p> <p>(c) Colonial policies and tribes.</p> <p>(d) Issues of integration and autonomy.</p>

<p><b>Test - 14.</b></p> <p><b>13th December.</b></p>	<p><b>PAPER 2</b></p> <p><b>C3. Industrialization and Urbanisation in India:</b></p> <p>(a) Evolution of modern industry in India.</p> <p>(b) Growth of urban settlements in India.</p> <p>(c) Working class: structure, growth, class mobilization.</p> <p>(d) Informal sector, child labour.</p> <p>(e) Slums and deprivation in urban areas.</p> <p><b>C6. Population Dynamics:</b></p> <p>(a) Population size, growth, composition and distribution.</p> <p>(b) Components of population growth: birth, death, migration.</p> <p>(c) Population policy and family planning.</p> <p>(d) Emerging issues: ageing, sex ratios, child and infant mortality, reproductive health.</p>
<p><b>Test - 15.</b></p> <p><b>20th December.</b></p>	<p><b>PAPER 2</b></p> <p><b>C5. Social Movements in Modern India:</b></p> <p>(a) Peasants and farmers movements.</p> <p>(b) Women's movement.</p> <p>(c) Backward classes &amp; Dalit movement.</p> <p>(d) Environmental movements.</p> <p>(e) Ethnicity and Identity movements.</p> <p><b>C7. Challenges of Social Transformation:</b></p> <p>(a) Crisis of development: displacement, environmental problems and sustainability.</p> <p>(b) Poverty, deprivation and inequalities.</p> <p>(c) Violence against women.</p> <p>(d) Caste conflicts.</p> <p>(e) Ethnic conflicts, communalism, religious revivalism.</p> <p>(f) Illiteracy and disparities in education.</p>

<b>Test - 16.</b>  <b>10th January.</b>	<b>Full Length Test - Paper 1.</b>
<b>Test - 17.</b>  <b>17th January.</b>	<b>Full Length Test - Paper 2.</b>
<b>Test - 18.</b>  <b>24th January.</b>	<b>Full Length Test - Paper 1.</b>
<b>Test - 19.</b>  <b>27th January.</b>	<b>Full Length Test - Paper 2.</b>
<b>Test - 20.</b>  <b>31st January.</b>	<b>Full Length Test - Paper 1 + Paper 2.</b>

