

# SOCIOLOGY MAINS TEST SERIES 2024

TEST SERIES *cum* MENTORSHIP PROGRAMME

ANSWER  
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24 SEPTEMBER  
2023

SOCIOLOGY TEST SERIES

PROGRAMME FEE ₹ 10,000 + GST



Total 12 Tests: 8 Sectional & 4 Mock Tests



Elaborate Discussion after each test



Detailed Model Answer Hints



Copy Evaluation & Discussion

- After submission of Copy, Evaluation will be done within a week.
- After Copy Evaluation One to One Discussion with Faculty will be conducted

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# SESSION PLAN

TEST NO. & DATE	TOPICS
<b>TEST - 01</b> <hr/> <b>24 SEPTEMBER, 2023</b>	<b>Sociology - The Discipline:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Modernity and social changes in Europe and emergence of sociology.</li> <li>◦ Scope of the subject and comparison with other social sciences.</li> <li>◦ Sociology and common sense.</li> </ul> <b>Sociology as Science:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Science, scientific method and critique.</li> <li>◦ Major theoretical strands of research methodology.</li> <li>◦ Positivism and its critique.</li> <li>◦ Fact value and objectivity.</li> <li>◦ Non- positivist methodologies.</li> </ul> <b>Research Methods and Analysis:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Qualitative and quantitative methods.</li> <li>◦ Techniques of data collection.</li> <li>◦ Variables, sampling, hypothesis, reliability and validity.</li> </ul>
<b>TEST - 02</b> <hr/> <b>08 OCTOBER, 2023</b>	<b>Sociological Thinkers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Karl Marx- Historical materialism, mode of production, alienation, class struggle.</li> <li>◦ Emile Durkheim- Division of labour, social fact, suicide, religion and society.</li> <li>◦ Max Weber- Social action, ideal types, authority, bureaucracy, protestant ethic and the spirit of capitalism.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Talcott Parsons- Social system, pattern variables.</li> <li>◦ Robert K. Merton- Latent and manifest functions, conformity and deviance, reference groups</li> <li>◦ Mead - Self and identity.</li> </ul> <p><b>Introducing Indian Society:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ <b>Perspectives on the study of Indian society</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Indology (GS. Ghurye).</li> <li>▶ Structural functionalism (M N Srinivas).</li> <li>▶ Marxist sociology (A R Desai).</li> </ul> </li> <li>◦ <b>Impact of colonial rule on Indian society</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Social background of Indian nationalism.</li> <li>▶ Modernization of Indian tradition.</li> <li>▶ Protests and movements during the colonial period.</li> <li>▶ Social reforms</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>TEST - 03</b></p> <p><b>22 OCTOBER, 2023</b></p>	<p><b>Stratification and Mobility:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Concepts- equality, inequality, hierarchy, exclusion, poverty and deprivation</li> <li>◦ Theories of social stratification- Structural functionalist theory, Marxist theory, Weberian theory.</li> <li>◦ Dimensions – Social stratification of class, status groups, gender, ethnicity and race. Social mobility- open and closed systems, types of mobility, sources and causes of mobility.</li> </ul> <p><b>Social Structure:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Rural and Agrarian Social Structure:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ The idea of Indian village and village studies- Agrarian social structure - evolution of land tenure system, land reforms.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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	<b>Rural and Agrarian transformation in India:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Programmes of rural development, Community Development Programme, cooperatives, poverty alleviation schemes.</li> <li>Green revolution and social change.</li> <li>Changing modes of production in Indian agriculture .</li> <li>Problems of rural labour, bondage, migration.</li> </ul>
<b>TEST - 04</b> <hr/> <b>05 NOVEMBER, 2023</b>	<b>Works and Economic Life:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Social organization of work in different types of society- slave society, feudal society, industrial / capitalist society.</li> <li>Formal and informal organization of work</li> <li>Labour and society.</li> </ul> <b>Industrialization and Urbanisation in India:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evolution of modern industry in India.</li> <li>Growth of urban settlements in India.</li> <li>Working class: structure, growth, class mobilization</li> <li>Informal sector, child labour</li> <li>Slums and deprivation in urban areas.</li> </ul>
<b>TEST - 05</b> <hr/> <b>19 NOVEMBER, 2023</b>	<b>Politics &amp; Society:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nation, democracy and citizenship.</li> <li>Political parties, pressure groups , social and political elite.</li> <li>Regionalism and decentralization of power</li> <li>Secularization</li> </ul> <b>Politics &amp; Society (Paper 2)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nation, democracy, citizenship</li> <li>Political parties, pressure groups, social and political elite</li> <li>Regionalism and decentralisation of power</li> <li>Secularization</li> </ul>

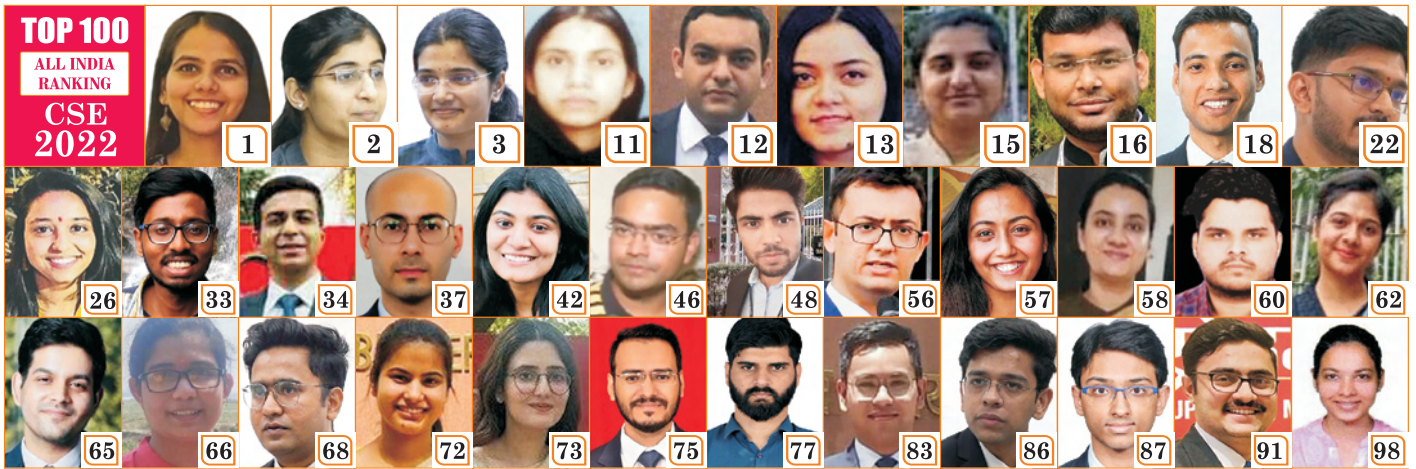
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<b>TEST - 06</b> <b>03 DECEMBER, 2023</b>	<b>Religion &amp; Society:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Sociological theories of religion.</li> <li>◦ Types of religious practices: animism, monism, pluralism, sects, cults.</li> <li>◦ Religion in modern society: religion and science, secularization, religious revivalism, fundamentalism.</li> </ul> <b>Religion &amp; Society (Paper 2 )</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Religious communities in India</li> <li>◦ Problems of religious minorities</li> </ul> <b>Systems of Kinship:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Family, household, marriage.</li> <li>◦ Types and forms of family.</li> <li>◦ Lineage and descent</li> <li>◦ Patriarchy and sexual division of labour</li> <li>◦ Contemporary trends.</li> </ul> <b>Systems of Kinship (Paper 2)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Lineage and descent in India</li> <li>◦ Types of Kinship systems</li> <li>◦ Family and marriage in India</li> <li>◦ Household dimensions of the family</li> <li>◦ Patriarchy, entitlements, sexual division of labour</li> </ul>
	<b>Social Change in Modern Society:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Sociological theories of social change.</li> <li>◦ Development and dependency.</li> <li>◦ Agents of social change.</li> <li>◦ Education and social change.</li> <li>◦ Science, technology and social change.</li> </ul> <b>Social Changes in India: Visions of Social Change in India:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Idea of development planning and mixed " economy.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Constitution, law and social change. "</li> <li>◦ Education and social change.</li> </ul> <p><b>Social Movements in Modern India:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Peasants and farmers movements. Women's movement. Backward classes &amp; Dalit movement. Environmental movements. Ethnicity and Identity movements.</li> </ul>
<p><b>TEST - 07</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>17 DECEMBER, 2023</b></p>	<p><b>Caste System: Perspectives on the study of caste systems: GS Ghurye, M N Srinivas, Louis Dumont, Andre Beteille. Features of caste system. Untouchability - forms and perspectives</b></p> <p><b>Tribal communities in India: Definitional problems.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Geographical spread.</li> <li>◦ Colonial policies and tribes.</li> <li>◦ Issues of integration and autonomy.</li> </ul> <p><b>Social Classes in India: Agrarian class structure.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Industrial class structure.</li> <li>◦ Middle classes in India</li> </ul> <p><b>Population Dynamics: Population size, growth, composition and distribution.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Components of population growth: birth, death, migration.</li> <li>◦ Population policy and family planning.</li> <li>◦ Emerging issues: ageing, sex ratios, child and infant mortality, reproductive health.</li> </ul>

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	<b>Challenges of Social Transformation: Crisis of development: displacement, environmental problems and sustainability.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Poverty, deprivation and inequalities.</li><li>◦ Violence against women.</li><li>◦ Caste conflicts.</li><li>◦ Ethnic conflicts, communalism, religious revivalism</li></ul> Illiteracy and disparities in education.
<b>TEST - 08</b> <b>31 DECEMBER, 2023</b>	<b>Organic &amp; Applied Topics</b>
<b>AFTER PRLEIMS</b>	
<b>TEST - 09</b>	<b>MOCK 1 - PAPER 1</b>
<b>TEST - 10</b>	<b>MOCK 2 - PAPER 2</b>
<b>TEST - 11</b>	<b>MOCK 3 - PAPER 1</b>
<b>TEST - 12</b>	<b>MOCK 4 - PAPER 2</b>







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