



An Institute for Civil Services

MAINS TEST SERIES 2024

SOCIOLOGY Q&A

COMPLETE SYLLABUS *through*
CONCEPT CLASSES & ANSWER WRITING



ONLINE



**BATCH
STARTS** **15**

OCTOBER, 2023



09:00 AM

PROGRAM
FEE



20,000/-
(including GST)

- ✓ 40+ Hrs. Classes for Concept Building
- ✓ 3 Level of Test for Gradual Improvement
 - 13 Topical Tests (10 Questions)
 - 3 Sectional Tests (20 Questions)
 - 4 Full Mock Tests (As per UPSC Pattern)
- ✓ 13 PYQs Discussion Sessions
- ✓ Test Discussion after each Topical Test
- ✓ Doubt Clearing Session after Copy Evaluation for Marks improvement.



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PROGRAMME FEATURES

01

Exclusive programme to cover Sociology optional through Concept building classes, PYQ discussions and Answer writing practice.

02

Specially curated programme to maximize marks and score 300+ in Sociology optional.

03

Classes will focus on decluttering the syllabus and provide conceptual clarity on each topic.

04

Classes will build capabilities like interlinking different topics, efficient use of case studies/examples and Answer framing techniques to fetch maximum marks in the exam.

05

Topic Wise PYQs discussions will be provided

06

Sectional & Mock tests will be based on UPSC pattern & evaluation will be done by Experts and Faculty only.

07

Regular doubt clearing sessions will be conducted for personalized mentoring & performance improvement.

SESSION PLAN

| SESSION | TOPIC | SUB TOPICS |
|---|--------------------------------|---|
| SESSION: 02 15 OCTOBER, 2024 | Approach to Sociology Optional | |
| SESSION: 02 16 OCTOBER, 2024 | Fundamentals of Sociology 1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Sociology The Discipline – Emergence of Sociology, Scope and Comparison, Distinction from Common Sense. ◦ Sociology as Science – Method and Critique, Theoretical strands, Positivism, Post and Anti-Positivism, Fact- Value-Objectivity. |
| SESSION: 03 17 OCTOBER, 2024 | Fundamentals of Sociology 2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Research Methods and Analysis - Quantitative and Qualitative, Data collection, Variables Sampling Hypothesis, Reliability and Validity. |
| SESSION: 04 20 OCTOBER, 2024 | PYQ Discussion: 01 | |
| SESSION: 05 22 OCTOBER, 2024 | Topical Test 1 | |
| SESSION: 06 23 OCTOBER, 2024 | Sociological Thinkers 1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Western Thinkers- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ► Karl Marx: Historical Materialism, Mode of Production, Alienation, Class Struggle. ► Emile Durkheim: Methodology- Social fact, Division of Labour, Suicide, Religion. |

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| SESSION: 07 24 OCTOBER, 2024 | Sociological Thinkers 2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Max Weber: Social Action, Ideal Types, Bureaucracy, Power and Authority, Capitalism. ▶ Talcott Parsons : Social System, Pattern Variables. ▶ Robert Merton: Latent and Manifest functions, Conformity and Deviance, Reference Groups. ▶ G.H. Mead : Self and Identity. |
| SESSION: 08 27 OCTOBER, 2024 | PYQ Discussion: 02 | |
| SESSION: 09 29 OCTOBER, 2024 | Topical Test 2 | |
| SESSION: 10 30 OCTOBER, 2024 | Social Stratification | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◉ Stratification and Mobility : Concepts- Equality, Inequality, hierarchy, exclusion, poverty, deprivation. ◉ Theories- Structural functionalist, Marxist, Weberian theory. ◉ Dimensions- Class, gender, ethnicity, race. |
| SESSION: 11 03 NOVEMBER, 2023 | PYQ Discussion: 03 | |
| SESSION: 12 05 NOVEMBER, 2023 | Topical Test 3 | |
| SESSION: 13 06 NOVEMBER, 2023 | Indian Society | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◉ Perspective on Indian Society <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ G.S. Ghurye : Indology. ▶ M.N. Srinivas : Structural Functionalist. |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ A. R. Desai : Marxist Sociology. ◉ Probable Thinkers /PYQ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Gail Omvedt : Caste System. ▶ Louis Dumont : Caste System. ▶ B.R. Ambedkar and Gandhi : Caste System. ◉ Impact of Colonial Rule on Indian Society |
| SESSION: 14 09 NOVEMBER, 2023 | PYQ Discussion: 04 | |
| SESSION: 15 10 NOVEMBER, 2023 | Topical Test 4 | |
| SESSION: 16 13 NOVEMBER, 2023 | Social Structure in India | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◉ Social Structure: Caste System: Perspectives, Features, Thinkers, Conflicts. ◉ Social Structure: Tribal Communities: Definition, Spread, Issues-Isolation vs Assimilation, Integration vs Autonomy, Policies-Initiatives-Schemes. ◉ Rural and Agrarian Structure ◉ Caste |
| SESSION: 17 14 NOVEMBER, 2023 | Social Classes in India | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◉ Social Classes in India: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Agrarian class structure ▶ Industrial class structure ▶ Middle Class in India |
| SESSION: 18 17 NOVEMBER, 2023 | PYQ Discussion: 05 | |
| SESSION: 19 19 NOVEMBER, 2023 | Topical Test 5 | |

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| | Sectional Test 1 (Topics of Session 1 to 13) | |
| SESSION: 20 20 NOVEMBER, 2023 | Religion | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Religion and Society: Sociological Theories, Composition of Religious Sub-groups, Types of Practices, Modern Society, Processes. Social Structure – Religious Communities and Problems. Social Changes, Politics and Society – Secularization. Politicization of caste and Casteisation of Politics. Communalism and Religious Revivalism. Religious Communities in India, Problems of religious minorities |
| SESSION: 21 24 NOVEMBER, 2023 | PYQ Discussion: 06 | |
| SESSION: 22 26 NOVEMBER, 2023 | Topical Test 6 | |
| SESSION: 23 27 NOVEMBER, 2023 | Work and Economic Life | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work and Economic Life : Social Organization – Evolution of societies, Formal and Informal organization, Labour and Society Social Changes in India : Vision of Social Change Industrialization and urbanisation in India : Evolution of modern industry, Working class – Composition, Mobilization, Growth, Informal sector, Issues with unorganized sector. |
| SESSION: 24 01 DECEMBER, 2023 | PYQ Discussion: 07 | |

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| SESSION: 25 03 DECEMBER, 2023 | Topical Test 7 | |
| SESSION: 26 04 DECEMBER, 2023 | Rural and Urban Sociology | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Social Structure - Indian Village and Village studies, Evolution of Agrarian structure-Land Tenure and Land reforms. ◦ Social Changes and Transformation – Programs of rural development, Poverty alleviation schemes, Green revolution, Changing modes of production, Rural Labour, Migration ◦ Social Changes in India : Industrialization and Urbanization - Urban settlements in India, Slums, Deprivation in urban areas. |
| SESSION: 27 08 DECEMBER, 2023 | PYQ Discussion: 08 | |
| SESSION: 28 10 DECEMBER, 2023 | Topical Test 8 | |
| SESSION: 29 11 DECEMBER, 2023 | Political Sociology | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Sociological Theories of Power – Politics and Society: Pressure groups, political parties, Civil Society, Nation- State- Citizenship, Democracy, Ideology, Modes of protests and dissent- Movements, revolutions. ◦ Social Changes in India – Politics and Society: Nation, Democracy, Citizenship, Social elite, political parties, pressure groups, decentralisation, regionalism. |

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| SESSION: 30 15 DECEMBER, 2023 | PYQ Discussion: 09 | |
| SESSION: 31 17 DECEMBER, 2023 | Topical Test 9 | |
| SESSION: 32 18 DECEMBER, 2023 | Kinship | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Systems of Kinship: Family, Marriage, Household, Classification, Lineage and descent, Emerging Issues, Contemporary trends. ◦ Social Structure – Systems of Kinship in India: Lineage and descent rules, types of kinship systems, Family and Marriage in India, Sexual Division of Labour, Patriarchy. |
| SESSION: 33 22 DECEMBER, 2023 | PYQ Discussion: 10 | |
| SESSION: 34 24 DECEMBER, 2023 | Topical Test 10 | |
| | Sectional Test 2 (Topics of Session 16 to 26) | |
| SESSION: 35 26 DECEMBER, 2023 | Demographic Studies | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Population Dynamics: Concepts, Composition, Distribution, Size, Growth, Emerging Issues, Policies. |
| SESSION: 36 29 DECEMBER, 2023 | PYQ Discussion: 11 | |
| SESSION: 37 31 DECEMBER, 2023 | Topical Test 11 | |

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| SESSION: 38 02 JANUARY, 2024 | Social Change and Modernity | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Sociological Theories of Social Change – Concepts, Theories, Agents ◦ Social Change – Indian Society: Impact of colonial rule, Agents of Social Change in India. ◦ Social Change in Modern Society (Theory, Agents, Perspective) ◦ Movements in Modern India – Peasants and Farmers, Women's movements, Backward classes and Dalits, Environmental movements, Ethnicity and Identity, poverty and deprivation, Social Problems- Corruption Child Labour, Alcoholism, Marital Rape, Drug Addiction. ◦ Social Issues (Movement) ◦ Challenges of Social Transformation: Crisis of Development, problems of sustainability. ◦ Vision of Social Change in India |
| SESSION: 39 05 JANUARY, 2024 | PYQ Discussion-12 | |
| SESSION: 40 07 JANUARY, 2024 | Topical Test 12 | |
| SESSION: 41 08 JANUARY, 2024 | Dynamic Topics | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Dynamic Topics Like: Pandemic and its Impact, River Linking, IPCC Report Climate change etc. |
| SESSION: 42 12 JANUARY, 2024 | PYQ Discussion: 13 | |

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| SESSION: 43 14 JANUARY, 2024 | Topical Test 13 | |
| | Sectional Test 3 (Topics of Session 27 to 35) | |
| AFTER PRELIMS | Mock 1 (Paper 1) | |
| | Mock 2 (Paper 2) | |
| | Mock 3 (Paper 1) | |
| | Mock 4 (Paper 2) | |
