



# SOCIOLOGY MAINS TEST SERIES 2024 TEST SERIES CUM MENTORSHIP PROGRAMME



**2** IAS 2024



## **SESSION PLAN**

TEST NO. & DATE	TOPICS
	Sociology - The Discipline:
	<ul> <li>Modernity and social changes in Europe and emergence of sociology.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Scope of the subject and comparison with other social sciences.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Sociology and common sense.</li> </ul>
TEST - 01	Sociology as Science:
	<ul> <li>Science, scientific method and critique.</li> </ul>
<b>10 DECEMBER, 2023</b>	<ul> <li>Major theoretical strands of research methodology.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Positivism and its critique.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Fact value and objectivity.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Non- positivist methodologies.</li> </ul>
	Research Methods and Analysis:
	<ul> <li>Qualitative and quantitative methods.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Techniques of data collection.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Variables, sampling, hypothesis, reliability and validity.</li> </ul>
	Sociological Thinkers:
	<ul> <li>Karl Marx- Historical materialism, mode of</li> </ul>
TEST - 02	production, alienation, class struggle.
	<ul> <li>Emile Durkheim- Division of labour, social fact,</li> </ul>
17 DECEMBER, 2023	suicide, religion and society.
	<ul> <li>Max Weber- Social action, ideal types, authority, bureaucracy, protestant ethic and the spirit of capitalism.</li> </ul>





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	<ul> <li>Talcolt Parsons- Social system, pattern variables.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Robert K. Merton- Latent and manifest functions,</li> </ul>
	conformity and deviance, reference groups
	<ul> <li>Mead - Self and identity.</li> </ul>
	Introducing Indian Society:
	<ul> <li>Perspectives on the study of Indian society</li> </ul>
	► Indology (GS. Ghurye).
	<ul> <li>Structural functionalism (M N Srinivas).</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Marxist sociology ( A R Desai).</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Impact of colonial rule on Indian society</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Social background of Indian nationalism.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Modernization of Indian tradition.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Protests and movements during the colonial period.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Social reforms</li> </ul>
	Stratification and Mobility:
	<ul> <li>Concepts- equality, inequality, hierarchy, exclusion, poverty and deprivation</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Theories of social stratification- Structural functionalist theory, Marxist theory, Weberian theory.</li> </ul>
TEST - 03 24 DECEMBER, 2023	<ul> <li>Dimensions – Social stratification of class, status groups, gender, ethnicity and race.</li> <li>Social mobility- open and closed systems, types of mobility, sources and causes of mobility.</li> </ul>
	Social Structure:
	<ul> <li>Rural and Agrarian Social Structure:</li> </ul>
	The idea of Indian village and village studies-
	Agrarian social structure - evolution of land
	tenure system, land reforms.





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	Rural and Agrarian transformation in India:
	<ul> <li>Programmes of rural development, Community Development Programme, cooperatives, poverty alleviation schemes.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Green revolution and social change.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Changing modes of production in Indian agriculture .</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Problems of rural labour, bondage, migration.</li> </ul>
	Works and Economic Life:
	<ul> <li>Social organization of work in different types of society- slave society, feudal society, industrial / capitalist society.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Formal and informal organization of work</li> </ul>
TEST - 04	<ul> <li>Labour and society.</li> </ul>
31 DECEMBER, 2023	Industrialization and Urbanisation in India:
	<ul> <li>Evolution of modern industry in India.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Growth of urban settlements in India.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Working class: structure, growth, class mobilization</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Informal sector, child labour</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Slums and deprivation in urban areas.</li> </ul>
	Politics & Society:
	<ul> <li>Nation, democracy and citizenship.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Political parties, pressure groups , social and political elite.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Regionalism and decentralization of power</li> </ul>
<b>TEST</b> - 05	<ul> <li>Secularization</li> </ul>
07 JANUARY, 2024	Politics & Society (Paper 2)
	<ul> <li>Nation, democracy, citizenship</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Political parties, pressure groups, social and political elite</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Regionalism and decentralisation of power</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Secularization</li> </ul>
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	Religion & Society:
	<ul> <li>Sociological theories of religion.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Types of religious practices: animism, monism, pluralism, sects, cults.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Religion in modern society: religion and science, secularization, religious revivalism, fundamentalism.</li> </ul>
	Religion & Society (Paper 2 )
	<ul> <li>Religious communities in India</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Problems of religious minorities</li> </ul>
	Systems of Kinship:
	<ul> <li>Family, household, marriage.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Types and forms of family.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Lineage and descent</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Patriarchy and sexual division of labour</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Contemporary trends.</li> </ul>
	Systems of Kinship (Paper 2)
	<ul> <li>Lineage and descent in India</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Types of Kinship systems</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Family and marriage in India</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Household dimensions of the family</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Patriarchy, entitlements, sexual division of labour</li> </ul>
	Social Change in Modern Society:
	<ul> <li>Sociological theories of social change.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Development and dependency.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Agents of social change.</li> </ul>
TEST - 06	<ul> <li>Education and social change.</li> </ul>
21 JANUARY, 2024	<ul> <li>Science, technology and social change.</li> </ul>
	Social Changes in India: Visions of Social Change in India:
	<ul> <li>Idea of development planning and mixed " economy.</li> </ul>





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	<ul> <li>Constitution, law and social change. "</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Education and social change.</li> </ul>
	Social Movements in Modern India:
	<ul> <li>Peasants and farmers movements. Women's movement. Backward classes &amp; Dalit movement.</li> </ul>
	Environmental movements. Ethnicity and Identity
	movements.
	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
	Tribal communities in India: Definitional problems.
	<ul> <li>Geographical spread.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Colonial policies and tribes.</li> </ul>
TEST - 07	<ul> <li>Issues of integration and autonomy.</li> </ul>
	Social Classes in India: Agrarian class
28 JANUARY, 2024	structure.
	<ul> <li>Industrial class structure.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Middle classes in India</li> </ul>
	Population Dynamics: Population size,
	growth, composition and distribution.
	<ul> <li>Components of population growth: birth, death, migration.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Population policy and family planning.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Emerging issues: ageing, sex ratios, child and infant mortality, reproductive health.</li> </ul>



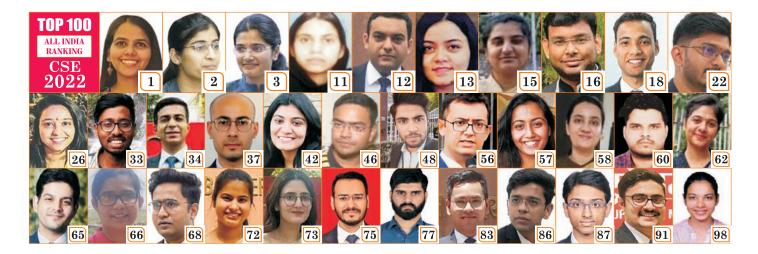
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	Challenges of Social Transformation: Crisis of development: displacement, environmental problems and sustainability.
	<ul> <li>Poverty, deprivation and inequalities.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Violence against women.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>o Caste conflicts.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Ethnic conflicts, communalism, religious revivalism Illiteracy and disparities in education.</li> </ul>
TEST - 08	Organia & Applied Tapica
<b>04 FEBRUARY, 2024</b>	Organic & Applied Topics
AFTER PRLEIMS	
TEST - 09	MOCK 1 - PAPER 1
TEST - 10	MOCK 2 - PAPER 2
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TEST - 11	MOCK 3 - PAPER 1









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