



# ANSWER WRITING MENTORSHIP PROGRAMME

# SOCIOLOGY QAA

COMPLETE SYLLABUS through
CONCEPT CLASSES, ANSWER WRITING
& MENTORSHIP



FEBRUARY, 2024





- Approach & Trend Analysis Sessions for Paper I & II
- **✓** 40<sup>+</sup> Hrs (16 Sessions) of Classes for Concept Building
- **3** Level of Tests for Gradual Improvement
  - o 13 Topical Tests (10 Questions)
  - 03 Sectional Tests (20 questions)
  - 04 Full Mock Tests(As per UPSC standard)
- 9<sup>+</sup> Hrs (18 Sessions) of PYQs Discussion
- **I** 36<sup>+</sup> Hrs of Topical Test Discussion and Post-Test Mentorship Sessions for Marks Improvement



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### PROGRAMME FEATURES

- 01
- **APPROACH & TREND ANALYSIS SESSIONS**

It will focus on orienting the students with Paper 1 & 2 and the methodology required as per the demands of the UPSC.

- 02
- **CONCEPT BUILDING & ANSWER WRITING APPROACH**

**40+ Hrs** Emphasis on Conceptual building, clarity and Answer Writing Approach for Paper 1 & 2.

- 03
- COMPLETE SOCIOLOGY SYLLABUS COVERAGE

Through 20+ Tests & 300+ Questions, entire Sociology Syllabus will be covered.

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#### PERSONALISED MENTORSHIP

The Post-Test Mentorship Session will be conducted after each Topical Test for conceptual clarity, marks improvement and personalized feedback.

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#### **PYQs DISCUSSION**

Topic-wise PYQ Discussions to under the trend of a particular topic.

- 06
- ANSWER WRITING PRACTICE SKILLING

Designed to enhance the skill of articulating answer in sync with the conceptual requirement of the question.

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#### **GRADUAL ASSESSMENT & IMPROVEMENT**

For gradual improvement and revision, the programme is divided into Topical Tests, Sectional Tests and Full Mock Tests.



### **SESSION PLAN**

DATE	TOPIC	SUB TOPICS
APPROACH CLASS: 01 04 FEBRUARY, 2024	Approach to Sociology Optional (Paper 1 & 2)	
TREND ANALYSIS 05 FEBRUARY, 2024	Trend Analysis of Sociology (Paper 1 & 2)	
CONCEPT CLASS: 01 06 FEBRUARY, 2024	Fundamentals of Sociology 1	<ul> <li>Sociology The Discipline –         Emergence of Sociology,         Scope and Comparison,         Distinction from Common         Sense.</li> <li>Sociology as Science         – Method and Critique,         Theoretical strands,         Positivism, Post and Anti-         Positivism, Fact- Value-         Objectivity.</li> </ul>
CONCEPT CLASS: 02 07 FEBRUARY, 2024	Fundamentals of Sociology 2	<ul> <li>Research Methods and Analysis - Quantitative and Qualitative, Data collection, Variables Sampling Hypothesis, Reliability and Validity.</li> </ul>
PYQ 09 FEBRUARY, 2024	PYQ Discussion: 01	
TOPICAL TEST 11 FEBRUARY, 2024	Topical Test: 01	



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CONCEPT CLASS: 03 13 FEBRUARY, 2024	Sociological Thinkers 1	<ul> <li>Western Thinkers:</li> <li>Karl Marx: Historical Materialism, Mode of Production, Alienation, Class Struggle.</li> <li>Emile Durkheim: Methodology- Social fact, Division of Labour, Suicide, Religion.</li> </ul>
CONCEPT CLASS: 04 14 FEBRUARY, 2024	Sociological Thinkers 2	<ul> <li>Max Weber: Social Action, Ideal Types, Bureaucracy, Power and Authority, Capitalism.</li> <li>Talcolt Parsons: Social System, Pattern Variables.</li> <li>Robert Merton: Latent and Manifest functions, Conformity and Deviance, Reference Groups.</li> <li>G.H. Mead: Self and Identity.</li> </ul>
PYQ 16 FEBRUARY, 2024	PYQ Discussion: 02	
POST TEST MENTORSHIP 17 FEBRUARY, 2024	Mentorship Session: 01	
TOPICAL TEST 18 FEBRUARY, 2024	Topical Test: 02	
CONCEPT CLASS: 05 20 FEBRUARY, 2024	Social Stratification	<ul> <li>Stratification and Mobility         <ul> <li>Concepts- Equality,</li> <li>Inequality, hierarchy,</li> <li>exclusion, poverty,</li> <li>deprivation.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Theories- Structural functionalist, Marxist,</li> <li>Weberian theory.</li> </ul>



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		<ul> <li>Dimensions- Class, gender, ethnicity, race.</li> </ul>
PYQ 23 FEBRUARY, 2024	PYQ Discussion: 03	
POST TEST MENTORSHIP 24 FEBRUARY, 2024	Mentorship Session: 02	
TOPICAL TEST 25 FEBRUARY, 2024	Topical Test: 03	
CONCEPT CLASS: 06 27 FEBRUARY, 2024	Indian Society	<ul> <li>Perspective on Indian Society</li> <li>G.S. Ghurye: Indology.</li> <li>M.N. Srinivas: Structural Functionalist.</li> <li>A. R. Desai: Marxist Sociology.</li> <li>Probable Thinkers /PYQ</li> <li>Gail Omvedt: Caste System.</li> <li>Louis Dumont: Caste System.</li> <li>B.R. Ambedkar and Gandhi: Caste System.</li> <li>Impact of Colonial Rule on Indian Society</li> </ul>
PYQ 01 MARCH, 2024	PYQ Discussion: 04	
POST TEST MENTORSHIP 02 MARCH, 2024	Mentorship Session: 03	
TOPICAL TEST 03 MARCH, 2024	Topical Test: 04	



DATE	TOPIC	SUB TOPICS
CONCEPT CLASS: 07 05 MARCH, 2024	Social Structure in India	<ul> <li>Social Structure: Caste         System: Perspectives,         Features, Thinkers,         Conflicts.</li> <li>Social Structure: Tribal         Communities: Definition,         Spread, Issues-Isolation vs         Assimilation, Integration         vs Autonomy, Policies-         Initiatives-Schemes.</li> <li>Rural and Agrarian Structure</li> <li>Caste</li> </ul>
CONCEPT CLASS: 08 06 MARCH, 2024	Social Classes in India	<ul> <li>Social Classes in India:</li> <li>➤ Agrarian class structure</li> <li>➤ Industrial class structure</li> <li>➤ Middle Class in India</li> </ul>
PYQ 08 MARCH, 2024	PYQ Discussion: 05	
POST TEST MENTORSHIP 09 MARCH, 2024	Mentorship Session: 04	
TOPICAL TEST 10 MARCH, 2024	Topical Test: 05	
POST TEST MENTORSHIP 16 MARCH, 2024	Mentorship Session: 05	
SECTIONAL TEST 17 MARCH, 2024	Sectional Test 1 (Topics of Session 1 to 13)	
CONCEPT CLASS: 09 19 MARCH, 2024	Religion	<ul> <li>Religion and Society:         <ul> <li>Sociological Theories,</li> <li>Composition of Religious</li> <li>Sub-groups, Types of</li> <li>Practices, Modern Society,</li> <li>Processes.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



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		<ul> <li>Social Structure - Religious Communities and Problems.</li> <li>Social Changes, Politics and Society - Secularization. Politicization of caste and Casteisation of Politics.</li> <li>Communalism and Religious Revivalism.</li> <li>Religious Communities in India, Problems of religious minorities</li> </ul>
PYQ 22 MARCH, 2024	PYQ Discussion: 06	
TOPICAL TEST 24 MARCH, 2024	Topical Test: 06	
CONCEPT CLASS: 10 26 MARCH, 2024	Work and Economic Life	<ul> <li>Work and Economic Life         <ul> <li>Social Organization –</li> <li>Evolution of societies,</li> <li>Formal and Informal organization, Labour and Society</li> </ul> </li> <li>Social Changes in India:         <ul> <li>Vision of Social Change</li> </ul> </li> <li>Industrialization and urbanisation in India:         <ul> <li>Evolution of modern industry, Working class –</li> <li>Composition, Mobilization,</li> <li>Growth, Informal sector,</li> <li>Issues with unorganized sector.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
PYQ 29 MARCH, 2024	PYQ Discussion: 07	



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POST TEST MENTORSHIP 30 MARCH, 2024	Mentorship Session: 06	
TOPICAL TEST 31 MARCH, 2024	Topical Test: 07	
CONCEPT CLASS: 11 02 APRIL, 2024	Rural and Urban Sociology	<ul> <li>Social Structure - Indian         Village and Village studies,         Evolution of Agrarian         structure-Land Tenure and         Land reforms.</li> <li>Social Changes and         Transformation - Programs         of rural development,         Poverty alleviation schemes,         Green revolution, Changing         modes of production, Rural         Labour, Migration</li> <li>Social Changes in India         : Industrialization and         Urbanization - Urban         settlements in India, Slums,         Deprivation in urban areas.</li> </ul>
PYQ 05 APRIL, 2024	PYQ Discussion: 08	
POST TEST MENTORSHIP 06 APRIL, 2024	Mentorship Session: 07	
TOPICAL TEST 07 APRIL, 2024	Topical Test: 08	
CONCEPT CLASS: 12 09 APRIL, 2024	Political Sociology	<ul> <li>Sociological Theories         of Power – Politics and         Society: Pressure groups,         political parties, Civil</li> </ul>



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		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.
PYQ 12 APRIL, 2024	PYQ Discussion: 09	
POST TEST MENTORSHIP  13 APRIL, 2024	Mentorship Session: 08	
TOPICAL TEST  14 APRIL, 2024	Topical Test: 09	
CONCEPT CLASS: 13 16 APRIL, 2024	Kinship	<ul> <li>Systems of Kinship: Family,         Marriage, Household,         Classification, Lineage and         descent, Emerging Issues,         Contemporary trends.</li> <li>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.</li> </ul>
PYQ 19 APRIL, 2024	PYQ Discussion: 10	



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POST TEST MENTORSHIP 20 APRIL, 2024	Mentorship Session: 09		
TOPICAL TEST 21 APRIL, 2024	Topical Test 10	Topical Test 10	
POST TEST MENTORSHIP 27 APRIL, 2024	Mentorship Session: 10		
SECTIONAL TEST 28 APRIL, 2024	Sectional Test: 02 (Topics of Session 16 to 26)		
CONCEPT CLASS: 14 30 APRIL, 2024	Demographic Studies	<ul> <li>Population Dynamics:         <ul> <li>Concepts, Composition,</li> <li>Distribution, Size, Growth,</li> <li>Emerging Issues, Policies.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
PYQ 03 MAY, 2024	PYQ Discussion: 11		
TOPICAL TEST 05 MAY, 2024	Topical Test: 11		
CONCEPT CLASS: 15 07 MAY, 2024	Social Change and Modernity	<ul> <li>Sociological Theories of Social Change – Concepts, Theories, Agents</li> <li>Social Change – Indian Society: Impact of colonial rule, Agents of Social Change in India.</li> <li>Social Change in Modern Society (Theory, Agents, Perspective)</li> <li>Movements in Modern India – Peasants and Farmers, Women's movements, Backward classes and</li> </ul>	

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		<ul> <li>Dalits, Environmental movements, Ethnicity and Identity, poverty and deprivation, Social Problems- Corruption Child Labour, Alcoholism, Marital Rape, Drug Addiction.</li> <li>Social Issues (Movement)</li> <li>Challenges of Social Transformation: Crisis of Development, problems of sustainability.</li> <li>Vision of Social Change in India</li> </ul>
PYQ 10 MAY, 2024	PYQ Discussion-12	
POST TEST MENTORSHIP 11 MAY, 2024	Mentorship Session: 11	
TOPICAL TEST 12 MAY, 2024	Topical Test: 12	
CONCEPT CLASS: 16 14 MAY, 2024	Dynamic Topics	<ul> <li>Dynamic Topics Like:         Pandemic and its Impact,         River Linking, IPCC Report         Climate change etc.     </li> </ul>
PYQ 07 MAY, 2024	PYQ Discussion: 13	
POST TEST MENTORSHIP 18 MAY, 2024	Mentorship Session: 12	
TOPICAL TEST 19 MAY, 2024	Topical Test: 13	



DATE	TOPIC	SUB TOPICS
POST TEST MENTORSHIP 25 MAY, 2024	Mentorship Session: 13	
SECTIONAL TEST 26 MAY, 2024	Sectional Test: 03 (Topics of Session 27 to 35)	
AFTER PRELIMS		
Mock - 1	PAPER - 1 (COMPLETE SYLLABUS)	
Mock - 2	PAPER - 2 (COMPLETE SYLLABUS)	
Mock - 3	PAPER - 1 (COMPLETE SYLLABUS)	
Mock - 4	PAPER - 2 (COMPLETE SYLLABUS)	

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