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TEST SCHEDULE

TEST NO. & DATE	TOPICS
TEST-1 30 JUNE, 2024	<p>Sociology - The Discipline:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Modernity and social changes in Europe and emergence of sociology. ◦ Scope of the subject and comparison with other social sciences. ◦ Sociology and common sense. <p>Sociology as Science:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Science, scientific method and critique. ◦ Major theoretical strands of research methodology. ◦ Positivism and its critique. ◦ Fact value and objectivity. ◦ Non- positivist methodologies. <p>Research Methods and Analysis:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Qualitative and quantitative methods. ◦ Techniques of data collection. ◦ Variables, sampling, hypothesis, reliability and validity.
TEST-2 07 JULY, 2024	<p>Sociological Thinkers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Karl Marx- Historical materialism, mode of production, alienation, class struggle. ◦ Emile Durkheim- Division of labour, social fact, suicide, religion and society. ◦ Max Weber- Social action, ideal types, authority, bureaucracy, protestant ethic and the spirit of capitalism.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Talcott Parsons- Social system, pattern variables.◦ Robert K. Merton- Latent and manifest functions, conformity and deviance, reference groups◦ Mead - Self and identity. <p>Introducing Indian Society:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Perspectives on the study of Indian society<ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Indology (GS. Ghurye).▶ Structural functionalism (M N Srinivas).▶ Marxist sociology (A R Desai).◦ Impact of colonial rule on Indian society<ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Social background of Indian nationalism.▶ Modernization of Indian tradition.▶ Protests and movements during the colonial period.▶ Social reforms
TEST-3 14 JULY, 2024	<p>Stratification and Mobility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Concepts- equality, inequality, hierarchy, exclusion, poverty and deprivation◦ Theories of social stratification- Structural functionalist theory, Marxist theory, Weberian theory.◦ 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. <p>Social Structure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Rural and Agrarian Social Structure:<ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ The idea of Indian village and village studies- Agrarian social structure - evolution of land tenure system, land reforms.

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	Rural & Agrarian transformation in India: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Programmes of rural development, Community Development Programme, cooperatives, poverty alleviation schemes. Green revolution and social change. Changing modes of production in Indian agriculture . Problems of rural labour, bondage, migration.
TEST-4 21 JULY, 2024	Works and Economic Life: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social organization of work in different types of society- slave society, feudal society, industrial / capitalist society. Formal and informal organization of work Labour and society. Industrialization and Urbanisation in India: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evolution of modern industry in India. Growth of urban settlements in India. Working class: structure, growth, class mobilization Informal sector, child labour Slums and deprivation in urban areas.
TEST-5 28 JULY, 2024	Politics & Society: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nation, democracy and citizenship. Political parties, pressure groups , social and political elite. Regionalism and decentralization of power Secularization Politics & Society (Paper 2) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nation, democracy, citizenship Political parties, pressure groups, social and political elite

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Regionalism and decentralisation of power◦ Secularization <p>Religion & Society:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Sociological theories of religion.◦ Types of religious practices: animism, monism, pluralism, sects, cults.◦ Religion in modern society: religion and science, secularization, religious revivalism, fundamentalism. <p>Religion & Society (Paper 2)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Religious communities in India◦ Problems of religious minorities <p>Systems of Kinship:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Family, household, marriage.◦ Types and forms of family.◦ Lineage and descent◦ Patriarchy and sexual division of labour◦ Contemporary trends. <p>Systems of Kinship (Paper 2)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Lineage and descent in India◦ Types of Kinship systems◦ Family and marriage in India◦ Household dimensions of the family◦ Patriarchy, entitlements, sexual division of labour
TEST-6 04 AUGUST, 2024	<p>Caste System:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Perspectives on the study of caste systems: GS Ghurye, M N Srinivas, Louis Dumont, Andre Beteille. <p>Features of caste system. Untouchability - forms and perspectives</p>

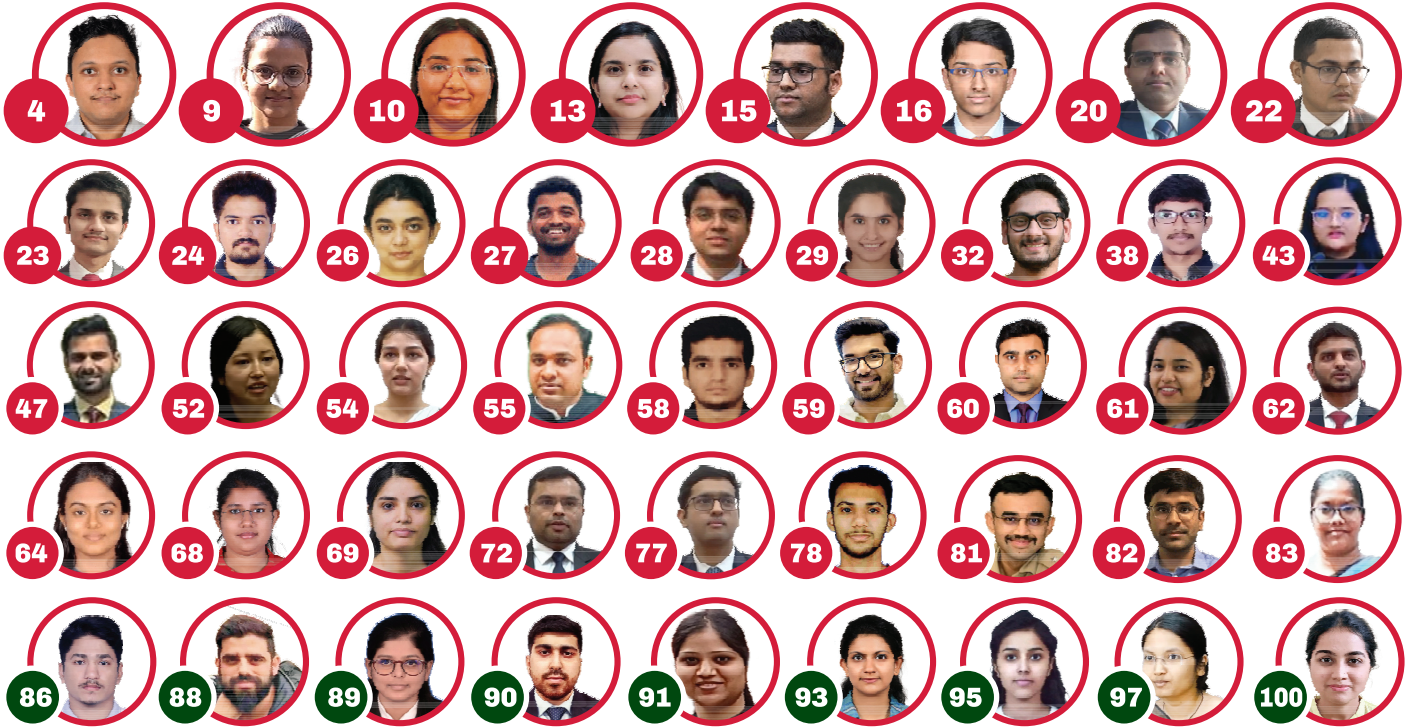
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	<p>Tribal communities in India:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Definitional problems. ◦ Geographical spread. ◦ Colonial policies and tribes. ◦ Issues of integration and autonomy. <p>Social Classes in India:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Agrarian class structure. ◦ Industrial class structure. ◦ Middle classes in India
<p>TEST-7</p> <p>11 AUGUST, 2024</p>	<p>Social Change in Modern Society:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Sociological theories of social change. ◦ Development and dependency. ◦ Agents of social change. ◦ Education and social change. ◦ Science, technology and social change. <p>Social Changes in India:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Visions of Social Change in India: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Idea of development planning and mixed economy. ▶ Constitution, law and social change. ▶ Education and social change. <p>Social Movements in Modern India:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Peasants and farmers movements. ◦ Women's movement. ◦ Backward classes & Dalit movement. ◦ Environmental movements. ◦ Ethnicity and Identity movements.
<p>TEST-8</p> <p>18 AUGUST, 2024</p>	<p>Population Dynamics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Population size, growth, composition and distribution.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Components of population growth: birth, death, migration.◦ Population policy and family planning.◦ Emerging issues: ageing, sex ratios, child and infant mortality, reproductive health. <p>Challenges of Social Transformation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Crisis of development: displacement, environmental problems and sustainability.◦ Poverty, deprivation and inequalities.◦ Violence against women.◦ Caste conflicts.◦ Ethnic conflicts, communalism, religious revivalism◦ Illiteracy and disparities in education. <p>Organic and Applied Topics</p>
TEST-9 25 AUGUST, 2024	MOCK - 1 (PAPER - 1)
TEST-10 25 AUGUST, 2024	MOCK - 2 (PAPER - 2)
TEST-11 01 SEPT, 2024	MOCK - 3 (PAPER - 1)
TEST-12 01 SEPT, 2024	MOCK - 4 (PAPER - 2)

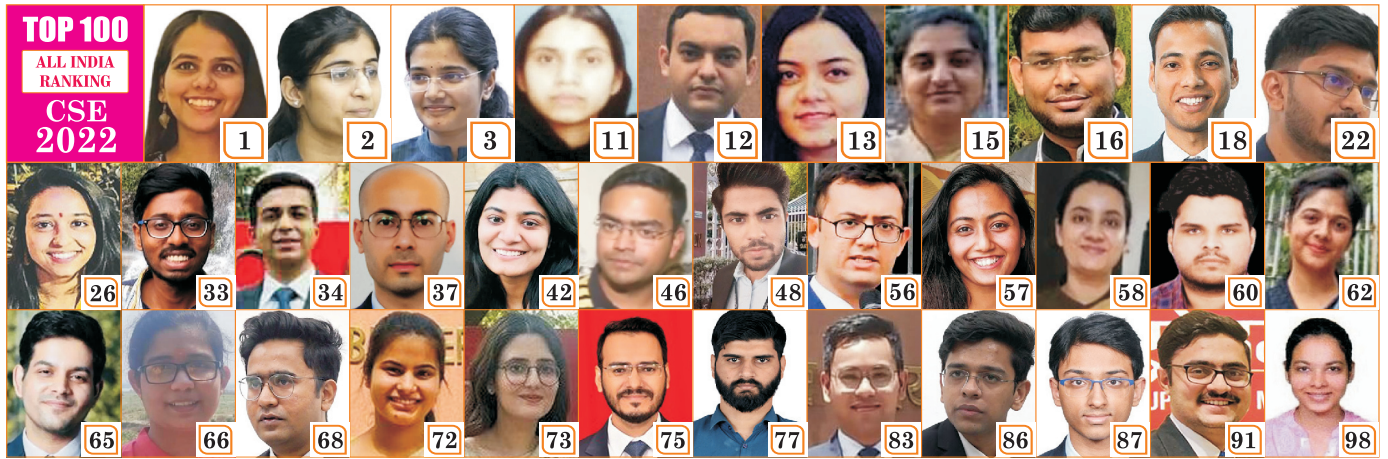


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