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# SOCIOLOGY MAINS TEST SERIES 2025

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area and Improvement**



**Elaborate Discussion after  
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**Detailed Model Answer Hints**



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# TEST SCHEDULE

TEST NO. & DATE	TOPICS
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>TEST-1</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>27 SEPTEMBER, 2024</b></p>	<p><b>Sociology - The Discipline:</b></p> <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> <p><b>Sociology as Science:</b></p> <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> <p><b>Research Methods and Analysis:</b></p> <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> <p><b>Stratification &amp; 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.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Social mobility- open and closed systems, types of mobility, sources and causes of mobility.</li></ul> <p><b>Works and Economic Life:</b></p> <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>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>TEST-2</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>06 OCTOBER, 2024</b></p>	<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>Social Structure:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ <b>Caste System:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▶ Perspectives on the study of caste systems: GS Ghurye, M N Srinivas, Louis Dumont, Andre Beteille.</li><li>▶ Features of caste system.</li><li>▶ Untouchability - forms and perspectives</li></ul></li><li>◦ <b>Tribal communities in India:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▶ Definitional problems.</li><li>▶ Geographical spread.</li><li>▶ Colonial policies and tribes.</li><li>▶ Issues of integration and autonomy.</li></ul></li></ul>

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>TEST-3</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>13 OCTOBER, 2024</b></p>	<p><b>Social Changes in India:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ <b>Visions of Social Change in India:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Idea of development planning and mixed economy.</li> <li>▶ Constitution, law and social change.</li> <li>▶ Education and social change.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Politics and Society:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Sociological theories of power</li> <li>◦ Power elite, bureaucracy, pressure groups, and political parties.</li> <li>◦ Nation, state, citizenship, democracy, civil society, ideology.</li> <li>◦ Protest, agitation, social movements, collective action, revolution.</li> </ul> <p><b>Religion &amp; Society:</b></p> <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> <p><b>Systems of Kinship:</b></p> <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> <p><b>Social Change in Modern Society:</b></p> <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>

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<b>TEST-4</b> <b>20 OCTOBER, 2024</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>
<b>TEST-5</b> <b>27 OCTOBER, 2024</b>	<b>Sociological Thinkers:</b> <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>
<b>TEST-6</b> <b>03 NOVEMBER, 2024</b>	<b>Social Structure:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ <b>Rural and Agrarian Social Structure:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▶ (a) The idea of Indian village and village studies-</li><li>(b) Agrarian social structure - evolution of land tenure system, land reforms.</li></ul></li><li>◦ <b>Religion and Society:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▶ Religious communities in India.</li><li>▶ Problems of religious minorities.</li></ul></li></ul>
<b>TEST-7</b> <b>10 NOVEMBER, 2024</b>	<b>Social Structure:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ <b>Social Classes in India:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▶ Agrarian class structure.</li><li>▶ Industrial class structure.</li><li>▶ Middle classes in India.</li></ul></li><li>◦ <b>Systems of Kinship in India:</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 and sexual division of labour.</li></ul></li></ul>

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	<p><b>Social Changes in India:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ <b>Challenges of Social Transformation:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Crisis of development: displacement, environmental problems and sustainability.</li> <li>▶ Poverty, deprivation and inequalities.</li> <li>▶ Violence against women.</li> <li>▶ Caste conflicts.</li> <li>▶ Ethnic conflicts, communalism, religious revivalism.</li> <li>▶ Illiteracy and disparities in education.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>TEST-8</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>17 NOVEMBER, 2024</b></p>	<p><b>Social Changes in India:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ <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> </li> <li>◦ <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> </li> </ul> <p><b>Politics and Society:</b></p> <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>

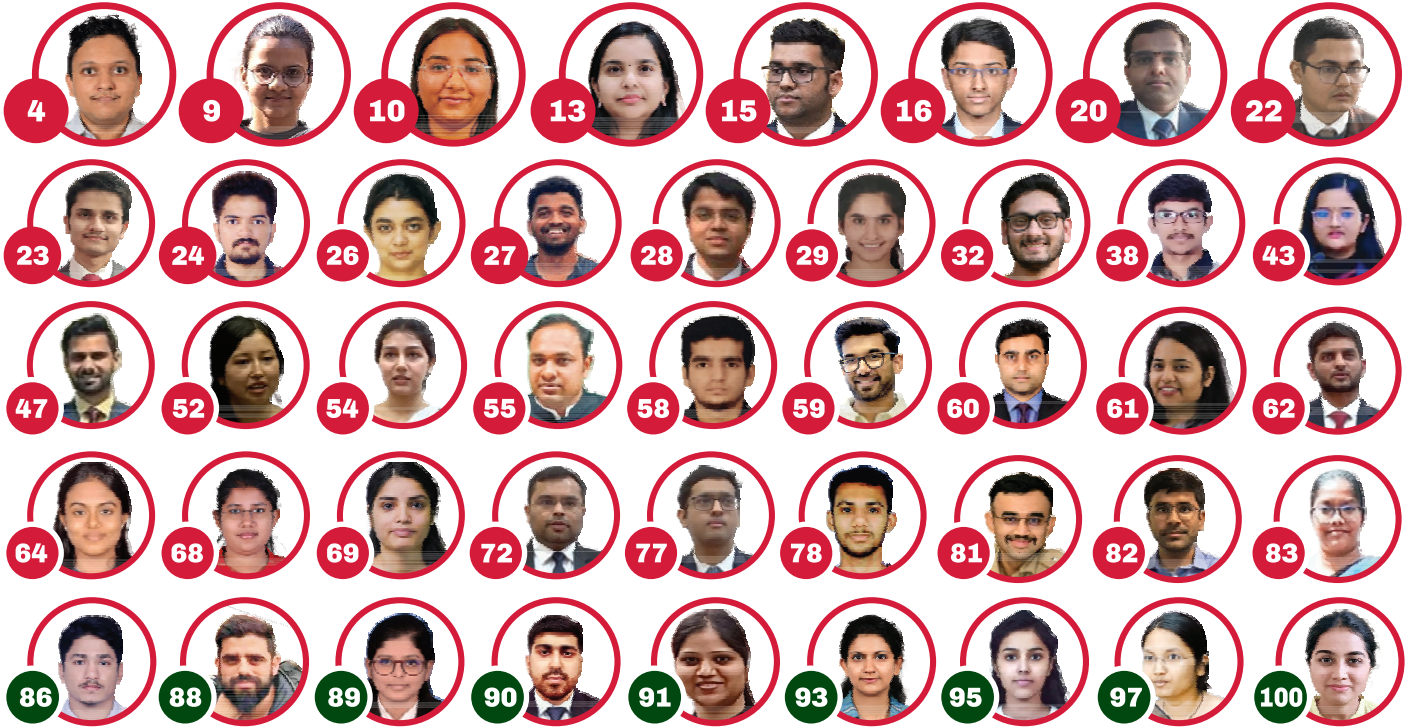
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ <b>Social Movements in Modern India:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▶ Peasants and farmers movements.</li><li>▶ Women's movement.</li><li>▶ Backward classes &amp; Dalit movement</li><li>▶ Environmental movements.</li><li>▶ Ethnicity and Identity movements.</li></ul></li><li>◦ <b>Population Dynamics:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▶ Population size, growth, composition and distribution.</li><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></li></ul>
<b>AFTER PRELIMS</b>	
<b>TEST-9</b>	<b>MOCK - 1 (PAPER - 1)</b>
<b>TEST-10</b>	<b>MOCK - 2 (PAPER - 1)</b>

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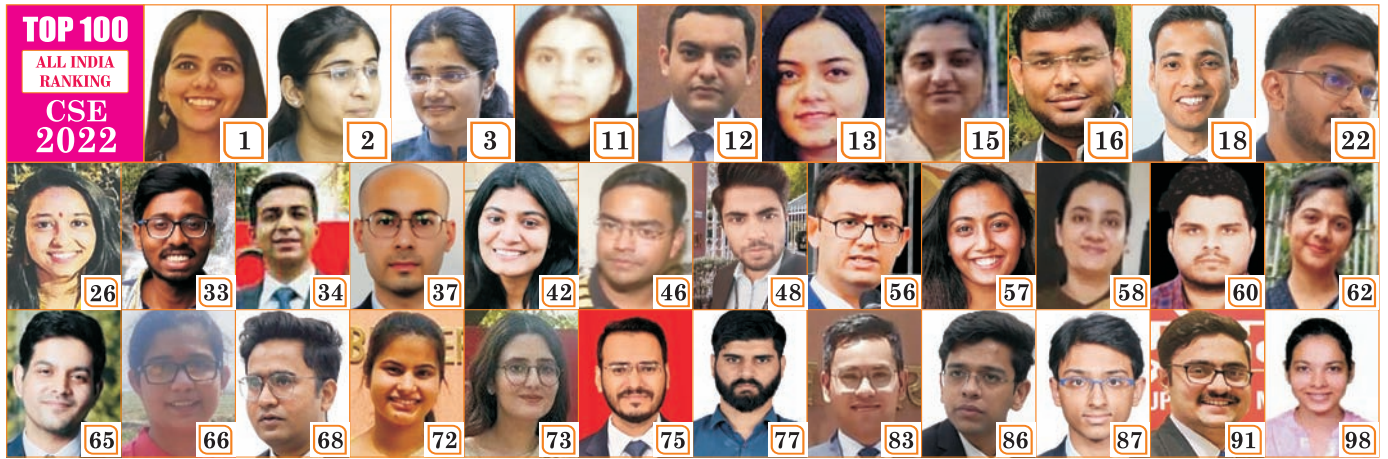


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