

IAS **MAINS** 2025

# MAINS MENTORSHIP PROGRAMME

# SOCIOLOGY

**Revision & Answer Writing** through Mentorship in

OF CONCEPT **CLASSES** 

**THEMATIC COVERAGE OF PYOs AS PER** SYLLABUS.

**TOPICAL TEST** 

SECTIONAL TEST

**FULL MOCK TESTS** (As per UPSC Standards)



Flexibility to Write Tests as per your self-study.



**Topical Test Discussion & Post-Test Mentorship Sessions for Marks Improvement** 

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**TEST STARTS** 

**JANAURY** 2025

TIME

9:00 AM ONWARDS **COURSE FEE** 

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### PROGRAMME FEATURE

01

#### **FLEXIBLE SELF-PACED TESTS**

Take tests according to your pace and preference, aligning with your own study schedule or our expertly designed-timeline.

02

#### **COMPLETE SOCIOLOGY SYLLABUS COVERAGE**

The entire syllabus of the Political Science Optional will be covered through Revision, Answer Writing & Mentorship in 2.5 Months.

03

#### **APPROACH & TREND ANALYSIS SESSIONS**

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

04

#### **CONCEPT BUILDING & ANSWER WRITING APPROACH**

Emphasis on Conceptual Building, Clarity, and Answer Writing Approach for Papers 1 & 2.

05

#### **PYQs DISCUSSIONS**

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

06

#### ANSWER WRITING PRACTICE SKILLING

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

07

#### PERSONALIZED MENTORSHIP

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



# **SESSION** PLAN

|          | TOPIC  | SUB TOPICS  |
|----------|--|---|
| 10 :/    | APPROACH CLASS                                 | Approach to Sociology Optional (Paper 1 & 2)  |
| Ä        | TREND ANALYSIS                                 | Trend Analysis of Sociology (Paper 1 & 2)   |
| 02       | CONCEPT CLASS: 01  Fundamentals of Sociology 1 | 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.  |
|          | Fundamentals of Sociology 2                    | Research Methods and Analysis  Ouantitative and Qualitative, Data collection, Variables Sampling Hypothesis, Reliability and Validity.  |
| <b>3</b> | PYQ  | PYQ Discussion: 01  |
| WEE      | TOPICAL TEST                                   | Topical Test: 01  |
| <b>X</b> | CONCEPT CLASS: 03 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> <li>Max Weber: Social Action, Ideal Types, Bureaucracy, Power and Authority, Capitalism.</li> </ul> |
|          | PYQ  | PYQ Discussion: 02  |
|          | POST TEST MENTORSHIP                           | Mentorship Session: 01  |
|          | TOPICAL TEST                                   | Topical Test: 02  |

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|          | CONCEPT CLASS: 04 Sociological Thinkers 2   | <ul> <li>Western Thinkers:</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   | PYQ Discussion: 03   |
| 03       | POST TEST MENTORSHIP                        | Mentorship Session: 02   |
| 3        | TOPICAL TEST                                | Topical Test: 03   |
| WEEK     | CONCEPT CLASS: 05  Social Stratification    | <ul> <li>Stratification &amp; Mobility</li> <li>Concepts- Equality, Inequality, hierarchy, exclusion, poverty, deprivation.</li> <li>Theories- Structural functionalist, Marxist, Weberian theory.</li> <li>Dimensions- Class, gender, ethnicity, race.</li> </ul> |
|          | PYQ   | PYQ Discussion: 04   |
|          | POST TEST MENTORSHIP                        | Mentorship Session: 03   |
|          | TOPICAL TEST                                | Topical Test: 04   |
| WEEK: 04 | CONCEPT CLASS: 06 Indian Society            | Perspective on Indian Society  ➤ G.S. Ghurye: Indology.  ➤ M.N. Srinivas: Structural Functionalist.  ➤ R. Desai: Marxist Sociology.  Impact of Colonial Rule on Indian Society   |
|          |   | <ul> <li>Social Background of Nationalism,</li> <li>Modernisation of Indian Tradition,</li> <li>Protests and Movements, Social Reform</li> </ul>   |
|          | PYQ   | PYQ Discussion: 05   |
|          | POST TEST MENTORSHIP                        | Mentorship Session: 04   |
|          | TOPICAL TEST                                | Topical Test: 05   |
| WEEK: 05 | CONCEPT CLASS: 07 Social Structure in India | <ul> <li>Caste System</li> <li>Perspectives, Features, Thinkers, Conflicts.</li> <li>Tribal Communities</li> <li>Definition, Spread, Issues-Isolation vs         Assimilation, Integration vs Autonomy, Policies-Initiatives-Schemes.     </li> </ul>              |

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| 2          | CONCEPT CLASS: 08 Social Classes in India | ➤ Agrarian class structure  ➤ Industrial class structure  ➤ Middle Class in India   |
| <b>6:0</b> | PYQ                                       | PYQ Discussion: 06  |
| WEEK:      | POST TEST MENTORSHIP                      | Mentorship Session: 05  |
| <b>X</b>   | TOPICAL TEST                              | Topical Test: 06  |
|            | POST TEST MENTORSHIP                      | Mentorship Session: 06  |
|            | SECTIONAL TEST                            | Sectional Test 1 (Topics of Session 1 to 8)   |
|            | CONCEPT CLASS: 09  Rural Agrarian Social  | <ul> <li>Indian Village and Village studies</li> <li>Evolution of Agrarian structure-Land Tenure and Land reforms.</li> <li>Rural and Agrarian Transformation in India –</li> </ul> |
|            | Structure                                 | Programs of rural development, Poverty alleviation schemes, Green revolution, Changing modes of production, Rural Labour, Migration.  |
|            | PYQ                                       | PYQ Discussion: 07  |
| 90         | TOPICAL TEST                              | Topical Test: 07  |
| /EEK: 0    |   | <ul> <li>Sociological Theories, Composition of Religious<br/>Sub-groups, Types of Practices, Modern Society,<br/>Processes.</li> </ul>  |
| >          | CONCEPT CLASS: 10                         | <ul> <li>Social Changes in Modern Society – Secularization,<br/>Revivalism, Fundamentalism</li> </ul>   |
|            | Religion & Society                        | <ul> <li>Paper 2 : Religious Communities in India, Problems<br/>of religious minorities</li> </ul>  |
|            |   | <ul> <li>Politicization of caste and Casteisation of Politics.</li> <li>Communalism and Religious Revivalism.</li> </ul>  |
|            | PYQ                                       | PYQ Discussion: 08  |
|            | POST TEST MENTORSHIP                      | Mentorship Session: 07  |
|            | TOPICAL TEST                              | Topical Test: 08  |
| 07         | CONCEPT CLASS: 11                         | Paper 1: Work & Economic Life   |
| »          | Work and Economic Life                    | <ul> <li>Social Organization - Evolution of societies, Formal<br/>and Informal organization, Labour and Society</li> </ul>  |

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| WEEK: 07 |                                       | Industrialization and urbanisation in India:  • Evolution of modern industry, Working class – Composition, Mobilization, Growth, Informal sector, Issues with unorganized sector.  |
|          | PYQ                                   | PYQ Discussion: 09   |
| Ë        | POST TEST MENTORSHIP                  | Mentorship Session: 08   |
| VE       | TOPICAL TEST                          | Topical Test: 09   |
|          | POST TEST MENTORSHIP                  | Mentorship Session: 09   |
|          | SECTIONAL TEST                        | Sectional Test 2<br>(Topics of Session 9 to 11)  |
|          | CONCEPT CLASS: 12 Political Sociology | <ul> <li>Paper 1: Sociological Theories of Power - Politics and Society: Pressure groups, political parties, Civil</li> <li>Paper 2: Society, Nation- State- Citizenship, Democracy, Ideology, Modes of protests and dissent- Movements, revolutions.</li> <li>Social Changes in India - Politics and Society: Nation, Democracy, Citizenship, Social elite, political parties, pressure groups, decentralisation, regionalism.</li> </ul> |
| 08       | PYQ                                   | PYQ Discussion: 10   |
| EK:      | TOPICAL TEST                          | Topical Test: 10   |
| WEE      | CONCEPT CLASS: 13 Kinship             | <ul> <li>Paper 1: Systems of Kinship- Family, Marriage, Household, Classification, Lineage and descent, Emerging Issues, Contemporary trends.</li> <li>Paper 2: 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                                   | PYQ Discussion: 11   |
|          | POST TEST MENTORSHIP                  | Mentorship Session: 10   |
|          | TOPICAL TEST                          | Topical Test 11  |
| W: 09    | CONCEPT CLASS: 14 Population Dynamics | <ul> <li>Paper 2: Population Dynamics: Concepts,         Composition, Distribution, Size, Growth, Emerging         Issues, Policies.</li> <li>Paper 1: Social Change in Modern Society</li> </ul>  |

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|                 |  | <ul> <li>Sociological Theories of Social Change – Concepts,<br/>Theories, Agents Social Change, Education, Science<br/>and Technology</li> <li>Paper 2: Vision of Social Change in India</li> <li>Idea of Development, Constitution, Law, Education</li> </ul>   |
|                 | PYQ  | PYQ Discussion: 12   |
|                 | POST TEST MENTORSHIP   | Mentorship Session: 11   |
|                 | TOPICAL TEST   | Topical Test: 12   |
| WEEK: 09        | CONCEPT CLASS: 15  Social Change and Modernity                     | <ul> <li>Paper 2: Social 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)</li> <li>Challenges of Social Transformation: Crisis of         Development, problems of sustainability, Women,         Caste, Ethnicity.</li> </ul> |
|                 | PYQ  | PYQ Discussion-13  |
|                 | POST TEST MENTORSHIP   | Mentorship Session: 12   |
|                 | TOPICAL TEST   | Topical Test: 13   |
|                 | POST TEST MENTORSHIP   | Mentorship Session: 13   |
|                 | SECTIONAL TEST   | Sectional Test: 03<br>(Topics of Session12 to 15)  |
| <b>VEEK: 10</b> |  | MOCK TESTS   |
|                 | Mock - 1   | PAPER - 1 (COMPLETE SYLLABUS)  |
|                 | Mock - 2   | PAPER - 2 (COMPLETE SYLLABUS)  |
|                 | Mock - 3   | PAPER - 1 (COMPLETE SYLLABUS)  |
|                 | Mock - 4   | PAPER - 2 (COMPLETE SYLLABUS)  |
| WEEK: 10        | POST TEST MENTORSHIP  SECTIONAL TEST  Mock - 1  Mock - 2  Mock - 3 | Topical Test: 13  Mentorship Session: 13  Sectional Test: 03 (Topics of Session12 to 15)  MOCK TESTS  PAPER - 1 (COMPLETE SYLLABUS)  PAPER - 2 (COMPLETE SYLLABUS)  PAPER - 1 (COMPLETE SYLLABUS)  |

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