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SOCIOLOGY MAINS TEST SERIES 2026



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PROGRAMME

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PERSONALIZED MENTORSHIP

- Total 10 Tests: 8 Sectional & 2 Mock Tests
- Pre-test and Post-test Mentorship with Dr. Surendra Sir to Identify target area and Improvement
- Elaborate Discussion after each test
- Detailed Model Answer Hints



- After submission of Copy, Evaluation will be done within a week.
- After Copy Evaluation
 One to One Discussion
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BATCH STARTS

NOVEMBER 2026





TEST SCHEDULE

TEST NO. & DATE	TOPICS
	Sociology - The Discipline:
	 Modernity and social changes in Europe and emergence of sociology.
	 Scope of the subject and comparison with other social sciences.
	 Sociology and common sense.
	Sociology as Science:
	 Science, scientific method and critique.
	 Major theoretical strands of research methodology.
	 Positivism and its critique.
	 Fact value and objectivity.
TEST: 01	 Non- positivist methodologies.
09 NOVEMBER, 2025	Research Methods and Analysis:
	 Qualitative and quantitative methods.
	 Techniques of data collection.
	 Variables, sampling, hypothesis, reliability and validity.
	Stratification & Mobility:
	 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.



TEST NO. & DATE	TOPICS
	 Social mobility- open and closed systems, types of mobility, sources and causes of mobility.
	Works and Economic Life:
	 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.
	Introducing Indian Society:
	 Perspectives on the study of Indian society:
	► Indology (GS. Ghurye).
	➤ Structural functionalism (M N Srinivas).
	➤ Marxist sociology (AR Desai).
	 Impact of colonial rule on Indian society :
	 Social background of Indian nationalism.
	➤ Modernization of Indian tradition.
	 Protests and movements during the colonial period.
TEST: 02	➤ Social reforms
16 NOVEMBER, 2025	Social Structure:
	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.
	➤ Geographical spread.
	➤ Colonial policies and tribes.
	➤ Issues of integration and autonomy.





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	 Social Changes in India: Visions of Social Change in India: Idea of development planning and mixed economy. Constitution, law and social change.
	➤ Education and social change. Politics and Society:
	 Sociological theories of power Power elite, bureaucracy, pressure groups, and political parties. Nation, state, citizenship, democracy, civil society, ideology. Protest, agitation, social movements, collective action, revolution.
TEST: 03	 Religion & Society: Sociological theories of religion. Types of religious practices: animism, monism, pluralism, sects, cults. Religion in modern society: religion and science, secularization, religious revivalism, fundamentalism.
23 NOVEMBER, 2025	 Systems of Kinship: Family, household, marriage. Types and forms of family. Lineage and descent Patriarchy and sexual division of labour Contemporary trends.
	 Social Change in Modern Society: Sociological theories of social change Development and dependency. Agents of social change. Education and social change. Science, technology and social change.



TEST NO. & DATE	TOPICS
TEST: 04 30 NOVEMBER, 2025	 Sociological Thinkers: 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.
TEST: 05 07 DECEMBER, 2025	 Sociological Thinkers: Talcolt Parsons- Social system, pattern variables. Robert K. Merton- Latent and manifest functions, conformity and deviance, reference groups Mead - Self and identity.
TEST: 06 14 DECEMBER, 2025	 Social Structure: Rural and Agrarian Social Structure: ► (a) The idea of Indian village and village studies-(b) Agrarian social structure - evolution of land tenure system, land reforms. Religion and Society: ► Religious communities in India. ► Problems of religious minorities.
TEST: 07 21 DECEMBER, 2025	 Social Structure: Social Classes in India: Agrarian class structure. Industrial class structure. Middle classes in India. Systems of Kinship in India: Lineage and descent in India. Types of kinship systems. Family and marriage in India. Household dimensions of the family. Patriarchy, entitlements and sexual division of labour.



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TEST NO. & DATE	TOPICS
	 Social Movements in Modern India: Peasants and farmers movements. Women's movement. Backward classes & Dalit movement Environmental movements. Ethnicity and Identity movements. Population Dynamics: Population size, growth, composition and distribution. Components of population growth: birth, death, migration. Population policy and family planning. Emerging issues: ageing, sex ratios, child and infant mortality, reproductive health.
AFTER PRELIMS	
TEST: 09	MOCK - 1 (PAPER - 1)
TEST: 10	MOCK - 2 (PAPER - 2)

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