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## SOCIOLOGY MAINS TEST SERIES 2026



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PROGRAMME

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- Total 10 Tests: 8 Sectional & 2 Mock Tests
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- Detailed Model Answer Hints



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**23** NOVEMBER 2026





## TEST SCHEDULE

TEST NO. & DATE	TOPICS
TEST NO. G. DATE	Sociology - The Discipline:
	<ul> <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>
	Sociology as Science:
TEST: 01 23 NOVEMBER, 2025	<ul> <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> <li>Research Methods and Analysis:</li> <li>Qualitative and quantitative methods.</li> <li>Techniques of data collection.</li> <li>Variables, sampling, hypothesis, reliability and</li> </ul>
	validity.  Stratification & Mobility:
	<ul> <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> <li>Social mobility- open and closed systems, types of mobility, sources and causes of mobility.</li> </ul>
	Works and Economic Life:
	<ul> <li>Social organization of work in different types of society- slave society, feudal society, industrial / capitalist society.</li> </ul>
	<ul><li>Formal and informal organization of work</li></ul>
	Labour and society.
	Introducing Indian Society:
	<ul> <li>Perspectives on the study of Indian society:</li> </ul>
	► Indology (GS. Ghurye).
	<ul><li>Structural functionalism (M N Srinivas).</li></ul>
	Marxist sociology ( A R Desai).
	<ul> <li>Impact of colonial rule on Indian society :</li> </ul>
	<ul><li>Social background of Indian nationalism.</li></ul>
	➤ Modernization of Indian tradition.
	<ul><li>Protests and movements during the colonial period.</li></ul>
TEST: 02	➤ Social reforms
<b>30 NOVEMBER, 2025</b>	Social Structure:
	o Caste System:
	<ul> <li>Perspectives on the study of caste systems: GS Ghurye, M N Srinivas, Louis Dumont, Andre Beteille.</li> </ul>
	➤ Features of caste system.
	<ul><li>Untouchability - forms and perspectives</li></ul>
	<ul><li>Tribal communities in India:</li></ul>
	<ul> <li>Definitional problems.</li> </ul>
	➤ Geographical spread.
	➤ Colonial policies and tribes.
	Issues of integration and autonomy.





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	<ul> <li>Social Changes in India:</li> <li>Visions of Social Change in India:</li> <li>Idea of development planning and mixed economy.</li> <li>Constitution, law and social change.</li> <li>Education and social change.</li> </ul>
TEST: 03 07 DECEMBER, 2025	<ul> <li>Politics and Society:</li> <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>
	<ul> <li>Religion &amp; Society:</li> <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>
	<ul> <li>Systems of Kinship:</li> <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>
	<ul> <li>Social Change in Modern Society:</li> <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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TEST: 04 14 DECEMBER, 2025	<ul> <li>Sociological Thinkers:</li> <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>
TEST: 05 21 DECEMBER, 2025	<ul> <li>Sociological Thinkers:</li> <li>Talcolt 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>
TEST: 06 28 DECEMBER, 2025	<ul> <li>Social Structure:</li> <li>Rural and Agrarian Social Structure:</li> <li>► (a) The idea of Indian village and village studies-(b) Agrarian social structure - evolution of land tenure system, land reforms.</li> <li>Religion and Society:</li> <li>► Religious communities in India.</li> <li>► Problems of religious minorities.</li> </ul>
TEST: 07 04 JANUARY, 2026	<ul> <li>Social Structure:</li> <li>Social Classes in India:</li> <li>Agrarian class structure.</li> <li>Industrial class structure.</li> <li>Middle classes in India.</li> <li>Systems of Kinship in India:</li> <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>



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	Social Changes in India:
	<ul><li>Challenges of Social Transformation:</li></ul>
	<ul> <li>Crisis of development: displacement, environmental problems and sustainability.</li> </ul>
	➤ Poverty, deprivation and inequalities.
	➤ Violence against women.
	➤ Caste conflicts.
	<ul> <li>Ethnic conflicts, communalism, religious revivalism.</li> </ul>
	➤ Illiteracy and disparities in education.
	Social Changes in India:
	<ul> <li>Rural and Agrarian transformation in India:</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Programmes of rural development, Community Development Programme, cooperatives, poverty alleviation schemes.</li> </ul>
	➤ Green revolution and social change.
	<ul> <li>Changing modes of production in Indian agriculture .</li> </ul>
	➤ Problems of rural labour, bondage, migration.
	<ul> <li>Industrialization and Urbanisation in India:</li> </ul>
<b>TEST: 08</b>	➤ Evolution of modern industry in India.
11 JANUARY, 2026	<ul> <li>Growth of urban settlements in India.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Working class: structure, growth, class mobilization.</li> </ul>
	➤ Informal sector, child labour
	Slums and deprivation in urban areas.
	Politics and Society:
	<ul> <li>Nation, democracy and citizenship.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Political parties, pressure groups, social and political elite.</li> </ul>
	<ul><li>Regionalism and decentralization of power.</li><li>Secularization</li></ul>

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	Social Movements in Modern India:
	<ul><li>Peasants and farmers movements.</li></ul>
	<ul><li>Women's movement.</li></ul>
	➤ Backward classes & Dalit movement
	<ul><li>Environmental movements.</li></ul>
	<ul><li>Ethnicity and Identity movements.</li></ul>
	<ul><li>Population Dynamics:</li></ul>
	<ul> <li>Population size, growth, composition and distribution.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Components of population growth: birth, death, migration.</li> </ul>
	<ul><li>Population policy and family planning.</li></ul>
	<ul> <li>Emerging issues: ageing, sex ratios, child and infant mortality, reproductive health.</li> </ul>
A	FTER PRELIMS
TEST: 09	MOCK - 1 (PAPER - 1)
TEST: 10	MOCK - 2 (PAPER - 2)

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