

# SOCIOLOGY

## MAINS TEST SERIES 2023

TEST SERIES *cum* MENTORSHIP PROGRAMME

BATCH  
STARTS **18**  
SEPTEMBER, 2022

 **TEST TIMINGS:**  
9:00 AM to 12:00 NOON

 **PROGRAMME FEE:**  
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**Total 12 Tests:**

- 8 Sectional
- 4 Mock Tests



**Elaborate Discussion  
after each test**



**Detailed Model Answer  
Hints**



**Copy Evaluation &  
Discussion**

# SESSION PLAN

TEST NO. & DATE	TOPICS
	<b>Approach to Sociology Optional</b>
<b>TEST - 01</b> <b>18 SEPTEMBER, 2022</b>	<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>
<b>TEST - 02</b> <b>02 OCTOBER, 2022</b>	<p><b>Sociological Thinkers:</b></p> <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>

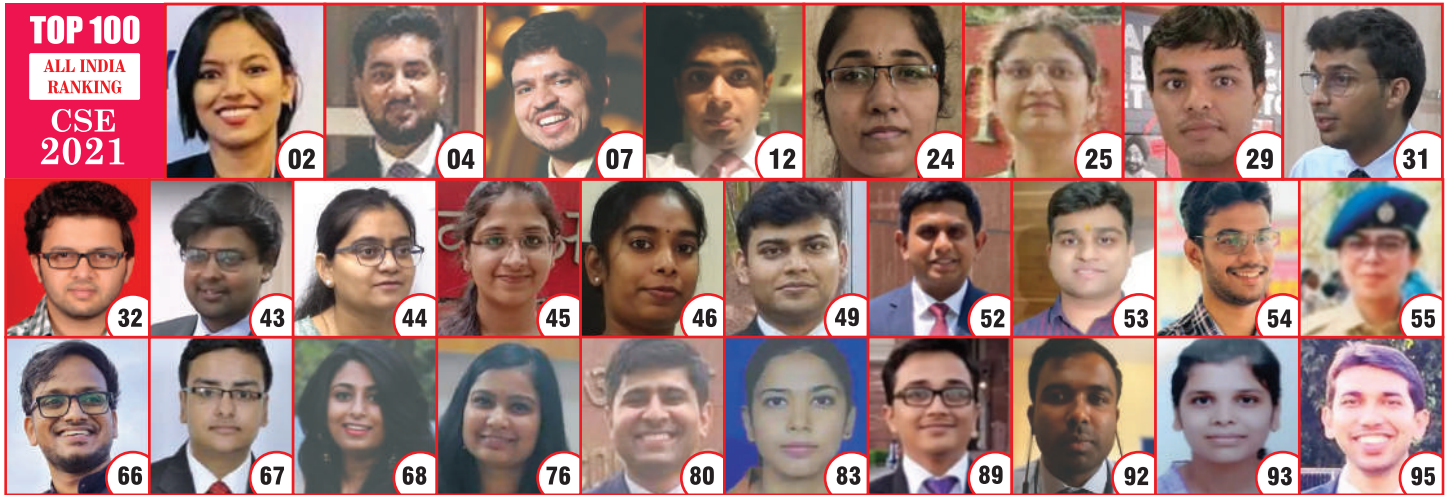
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Talcott Parsons- Social system, pattern variables.</li> <li>◦ Robert K. Merton- Latent and manifest functions, conformity and deviance, reference groups</li> <li>◦ Mead - Self and identity.</li> </ul> <p><b>Introducing 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 style="text-align: center;"><b>TEST - 03</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>16 OCTOBER, 2022</b></p>	<p><b>Stratification and 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. Social mobility- open and closed systems, types of mobility, sources and causes of mobility.</li> </ul> <p><b>Social Structure:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Rural and Agrarian Social Structure:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ The idea of Indian village and village studies- Agrarian social structure - evolution of land tenure system, land reforms.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>TEST - 04</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>30 OCTOBER, 2022</b></p>	<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><b>Industrialization and Urbanisation in India:</b></p> <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>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>TEST - 05</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>13 NOVEMBER, 2022</b></p>	<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> <p><b>Religion and 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>

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>TEST - 06</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>27 NOVEMBER, 2022</b></p>	<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> <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>Rural and Agrarian transformation in India:</b></p> <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> <p><b>Social Movements in Modern India:</b></p> <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>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>TEST - 07</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>11 DECEMBER, 2022</b></p>	<p><b>Caste System:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Perspectives on the study of caste systems: GS Ghurye, M N Srinivas, Louis Dumont, Andre Beteille. Features of caste system. Untouchability - forms and perspectives</li> </ul>

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	<p><b>Tribal communities in India:</b></p> <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> <p><b>Social Classes in India:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Agrarian class structure.</li> <li>◦ Industrial class structure.</li> <li>◦ Middle classes in India</li> </ul> <p><b>Population Dynamics:</b></p> <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> <p><b>Challenges of Social Transformation:</b></p> <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>
<p><b>TEST - 08</b></p> <p><b>25 DECEMBER, 2022</b></p>	<p><b>Organic and applied Topics</b></p>

TEST NO. & DATE	TOPICS
<b>AFTER PRELIMS</b>	
TEST - 09	MOCK 1 (paper 1)
TEST - 10	MOCK 2 (paper 2)
TEST - 11	MOCK 3 (paper 1)
TEST - 12	MOCK 4 (paper 2)



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