



SOCIOLOGY

MAINS TEST SERIES 2023

TEST SERIES cum MENTORSHIP PROGRAMME

DECEMBER, 2022





PROGRAMME FEE: 12000 + GST



Total 12 Tests:

- 8 Sectional
- 4 Mock Tests
- **Elaborate Discussion** after each test
- Detailed Model Answer Hints
- Copy Evaluation & **Discussion**



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SESSION PLAN

TEST NO. & DATE	TOPICS	
Approach to Sociology Optional		
	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:	
TEST - 01	 Science, scientific method and critique. 	
10 DECEMBER, 2022	 Major theoretical strands of research methodology. 	
	 Positivism and its critique. 	
	 Fact value and objectivity. 	
	Non- positivist methodologies.	
	Research Methods and Analysis:	
	 Qualitative and quantitative methods. 	
	 Techniques of data collection. 	
	 Variables, sampling, hypothesis, reliability and validity. 	
	Sociological Thinkers:	
	 Karl Marx- Historical materialism, mode of 	
TEST - 02	production, alienation, class struggle.	
18 DECEMBER, 2022	 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. 	

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	 Talcolt Parsons- Social system, pattern variables. Robert K. Merton- Latent and manifest functions, conformity and deviance, reference groups Mead - Self and identity. Introducing Indian Society: Perspectives on the study of Indian society Indology (GS. Ghurye). Structural functionalism (M N Srinivas). Marxist sociology (A R Desai). Impact of colonial rule on Indian society Social background of Indian nationalism. Modernization of Indian tradition.
	 Protests and movements during the colonial period. Social reforms
	Stratification and Mobility:
TEST - 03 24 DECEMBER, 2022	 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. Social mobility- open and closed systems, types of mobility, sources and causes of mobility.
	Social Structure:
	 Rural and Agrarian Social Structure:
	The idea of Indian village and village studies- Agrarian social structure - evolution of land tenure system, land reforms.



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	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
TEST - 04	Labour and society.
31 DECEMBER, 2022	Industrialization and Urbanisation in India:
	 Evolution of modern industry in India.
	 Growth of urban settlements in India.
	 Working class: structure, growth, class mobilization
	 Informal sector, child labour
	 Slums and deprivation in urban areas.
	Politics and Society:
	 Nation, democracy and citizenship.
	 Political parties, pressure groups, social and political elite.
	 Regionalism and decentralization of power
	 Secularization
	Religion and Society:
TEST _ NE	 Sociological theories of religion.
TEST - 05 08 JANUARY, 2023	 Types of religious practices: animism, monism, pluralism, sects, cults.
	 Religion in modern society: religion and science, secularization, religious revivalism, fundamentalism.
	Systems of Kinship:
	 Family, household, marriage.
	Types and forms of family.
	Lineage and descent
	 Patriarchy and sexual division of labour
	Contemporary trends.

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	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.
	Social Changes in India:
	 Visions of Social Change in India:
	 Idea of development planning and mixed economy.
	Constitution, law and social change.
TEST - 06	➤ Education and social change.
15 JANUARY, 2023	Rural and Agrarian transformation in India:
	 Programmes of rural development, Community Development Programme, cooperatives, poverty alleviation schemes.
	 Green revolution and social change.
	 Changing modes of production in Indian agriculture .
	 Problems of rural labour, bondage, migration.
	Social Movements in Modern India:
	 Peasants and farmers movements.
	Women's movement.
	 Backward classes & Dalit movement.
	 Environmental movements.
	 Ethnicity and Identity movements.
TEST - 07	Caste System:
22 JANUARY, 2023	 Perspectives on the study of caste systems: GS Ghurye, M N Srinivas, Louis Dumont, Andre Beteille. Features of caste system. Untouchability - forms and perspectives
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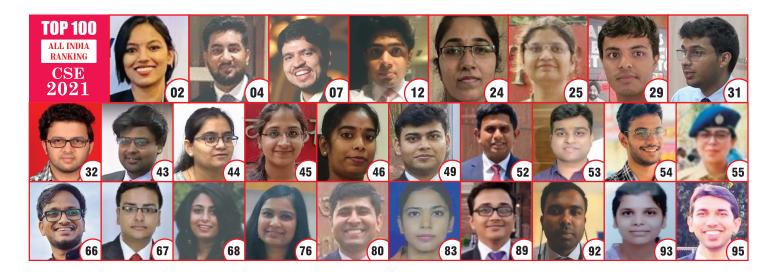
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	Tribal communities in India:
	 Definitional problems.
	Geographical spread.
	 Colonial policies and tribes.
	 Issues of integration and autonomy.
	Social Classes in India:
	Agrarian class structure.
	o Industrial class structure.
	Middle classes in India
	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.
	Challenges of Social Transformation:
	 Crisis of development: displacement, environmental problems and sustainability.
	Poverty, deprivation and inequalities.
	 Violence against women.
	Caste conflicts.
	Ethnic conflicts, communalism, religious revivalism
	Illiteracy and disparities in education.
TEST - 08 29 JANUARY, 2023	Organic and applied Topics

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TEST NO. & DATE	TOPICS
	AFTER PRELIMS
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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