GSSCORE An Institute for Civil Services



TEST SERIES *cum* **MENTORSHIP PROGRAMME**





Total 10 Tests: 8 Sectional & 2 Mock Tests

Ç Pre-test and Post-test
A A Mentorship to Identify target

Mentorship to Identify target area and Improvement



Elaborate Discussion after each test

Detailed Model Answer Hints

- Copy Evaluation & Discussion:
 - After submission of Copy, Evaluation will be done within a week.

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After Copy Evaluation
 One to One Discussion with
 Faculty will be
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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-1	 Non- positivist methodologies.
25 JULY, 2024	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 (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.
TEST-2	 Social reforms
28 JULY, 2024	Social Structure:
	o 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.





TEST NO. & DATE	TOPICS
	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.
	Religion & Society:
	 Sociological theories of religion.
TEST-3 01 AUGUST, 2024	 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.
	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-4 04 AUGUST, 2024	 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-5 11 AUGUST, 2024	 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-6 18 AUGUST, 2024	 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-7 21 AUGUST, 2024	 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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	Social Changes in India:
	 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.
	Social Changes in India:
TEST-8 25 AUGUST, 2024	 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. 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



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.
TEST-9 28 AUGUST, 2024	MOCK - 1 (PAPER - 1)
TEST-10 01 SEPT, 2024	MOCK - 2 (PAPER - 2)

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