

Sociology Optional Test Series Start – 27 August, 2024

SCHEDULE

CONTENT

TEST No.	Date of Test	Sections Covered	Topics Covered
Test 1	27 August, 2023 (Sunday)	Paper- I FUNDAMENTALS OF SOCIOLOGY (From Units: 4 & 5)	4. Sociological Thinkers: (a) <i>Karl Marx</i> - Historical materialism, mode of production, alienation, class struggle. (b) <i>Emile Durkheim</i> - Division of labour, social fact, suicide, religion and society. (c) <i>Max Weber</i> - Social action, ideal types, authority, bureaucracy, protestant ethic and the spirit of capitalism. (d) <i>Talcott Parsons</i> - Social system, pattern variables. (e) <i>Robert K. Merton</i> - Latent and manifest functions, conformity and deviance, reference groups. (f) <i>Mead</i> - Self and identity. 5. Stratification and Mobility: (a) <i>Concepts</i> - equality, inequality, hierarchy, exclusion, poverty and deprivation. (b) <i>Theories of social stratification</i> - Structural functionalist theory, Marxist theory, Weberian theory. (c) <i>Dimensions</i> – Social stratification of class, status groups, gender, ethnicity and race. (d) <i>Social mobility</i> - open and closed systems, types of mobility, sources and causes of mobility.
Test 2	10 Sept., 2023 (Sunday)	Paper- I FUNDAMENTALS OF SOCIOLOGY (From Units: 1, 2, 3 & 6)	1. Sociology - The Discipline: (a) Modernity and social changes in Europe and emergence of sociology. (b) Scope of the subject and comparison with other social sciences. (c) Sociology and common sense. 2. Sociology as Science: (a) Science, scientific method and critique. (b) Major theoretical strands of research methodology. (c) Positivism and its critique. (d) Fact value and objectivity. (e) Non- positivist methodologies. 3. Research Methods and Analysis: (a) Qualitative and quantitative methods. (b) Techniques of data collection. (c) Variables, sampling, hypothesis, reliability and

			<p>validity.</p> <p>6. Works and Economic Life:</p> <p>(a) Social organization of work in different types of society- slave society, feudal society, industrial /capitalist society.</p> <p>(b) Formal and informal organization of work</p> <p>(c) Labour and society.</p>
Test 3	24 Sept, 2023 (Sunday)	Paper- I FUNDAMENTALS OF SOCIOLOGY (From Units: 7, 8, 9 & 10)	<p>7. Politics and Society:</p> <p>(a) Sociological theories of power</p> <p>(b) Power elite, bureaucracy, pressure groups, and political parties.</p> <p>(c) Nation, state, citizenship, democracy, civil society, ideology.</p> <p>(d) Protest, agitation, social movements, collective action, revolution.</p> <p>8. Religion and Society:</p> <p>(a) Sociological theories of religion.</p> <p>(b) Types of religious practices: animism, monism, pluralism, sects, cults.</p> <p>(c) Religion in modern society: religion and science, secularization, religious revivalism, fundamentalism.</p> <p>9. Systems of Kinship:</p> <p>(a) Family, household, marriage.</p> <p>(b) Types and forms of family.</p> <p>(c) Lineage and descent</p> <p>(d) Patriarchy and sexual division of labour</p> <p>(e) Contemporary trends.</p> <p>10. Social Change in Modern Society:</p> <p>(a) Sociological theories of social change.</p> <p>(b) Development and dependency.</p> <p>(c) Agents of social change.</p> <p>(d) Education and social change.</p> <p>(e) Science, technology and social change</p> <p>(f) Illiteracy and disparities in education</p>
Test 4	22 Oct., 2023 (Sunday)	Paper- II A. Introducing Indian Society + B. Social Structure	<p>A. Introducing Indian Society:</p> <p>(i) <i>Perspectives on the study of Indian society:</i></p> <p>(a) Indology (GS. Ghurye).</p> <p>(b) Structural functionalism (M N Srinivas).</p> <p>(c) Marxist sociology (A R Desai).</p> <p>A. (ii) Impact of colonial rule on Indian society:</p> <p>(a) Social background of Indian nationalism.</p> <p>(b) Modernization of Indian tradition.</p> <p>(c) Protests and movements during the colonial period.</p> <p>(d) Social reforms</p>

			<p>B. Social Structure:</p> <p>(i) Rural and Agrarian Social Structure:</p> <p>(a) The idea of Indian village and village studies-</p> <p>(b) Agrarian social structure - evolution of land tenure system, land reforms.</p> <p>(ii) Caste System:</p> <p>(a) Perspectives on the study of caste systems: G.S. Ghurye, M N Srinivas, Louis Dumont, Andre Beteille.</p> <p>(b) Features of caste system.</p> <p>(c) Untouchability - forms and perspectives</p> <p>(iii) Tribal communities in India:</p> <p>(a) Definitional problems.</p> <p>(b) Geographical spread.</p> <p>(c) Colonial policies and tribes.</p> <p>(d) Issues of integration and autonomy.</p>
Test 5	12 Nov., 2023 (Sunday)	Paper- II A. Introducing Indian Society + B. Social Structure + C. Social Changes in India	<p>(iv) Social Classes in India:</p> <p>(a) Agrarian class structure.</p> <p>(b) Industrial class structure.</p> <p>(c) Middle classes in India.</p> <p>(v) Systems of Kinship in India:</p> <p>(a) Lineage and descent in India.</p> <p>(b) Types of kinship systems.</p> <p>(c) Family and marriage in India.</p> <p>(d) Household dimensions of the family.</p> <p>(e) Patriarchy, entitlements and sexual division of labour.</p> <p>(vi) Religion and Society:</p> <p>(a) Religious communities in India.</p> <p>(b) Problems of religious minorities.</p> <p>C. Social Changes in India:</p> <p>(i) Visions of Social Change in India:</p> <p>(a) Idea of development planning and mixed economy.</p> <p>(b) Constitution, law and social change.</p> <p>(c) Education and social change.</p> <p>(ii) Rural and Agrarian transformation in India:</p> <p>(a) Programmes of rural development, Community Development Programme, cooperatives, poverty alleviation schemes.</p> <p>(b) Green revolution and social change.</p> <p>(c) Changing modes of production in Indian agriculture.</p> <p>(d) Problems of rural labour, bondage, migration.</p>
Test 6	26 Nov., 2023 (Sunday)	Paper- II	<p>(iii) Industrialization and Urbanisation in India:</p> <p>(a) Evolution of modern industry in India.</p>

		<p>C. Social Changes in India</p>	<p>(b) Growth of urban settlements in India. (c) Working class: structure, growth, class mobilization. (d) Informal sector, child labour (e) Slums and deprivation in urban areas.</p> <p>(v) Social Movements in Modern India: (a) Peasants and farmers movements. (b) Women’s movement. (c) Dalit movement. (d) Environmental movements. (e) Ethnicity and Identity movements.</p> <p>(iv) Politics and Society: (a) Nation, democracy and citizenship. (b) Political parties, pressure groups, social and political elite. (c) Regionalism and decentralization of power. (d) Secularization</p> <p>(vi) Population Dynamics: (a) Population size, growth, composition and distribution. (b) Components of population growth: birth, death, migration. (c) Population policy and family planning. (d) Emerging issues: ageing, sex ratios, child and infant mortality, reproductive health.</p> <p>(vii) Challenges of Social Transformation: (a) Crisis of development: displacement, environmental problems and sustainability. (b) Poverty, deprivation and inequalities. (c) Violence against women. (d) Caste conflicts. (e) Ethnic conflicts, communalism, religious revivalism. (f) Illiteracy and disparities in education.</p>
Test 7	17 Dec., 2023 (Sunday)	FULL LENGTH MOCK TEST - I	[Morning Session: 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM] Complete Syllabus of Paper I
Test 8	31 Dec., 2023 (Sunday)	FULL LENGTH MOCK TEST - II	[Evening Session: 2:00 PM to 05:00 PM] Complete Syllabus of Paper II
Test 9	21 Jan., 2024 (Sunday)	FULL LENGTH MOCK TEST - III	[Morning Session: 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM] Complete Syllabus of Paper I
Test 10	04 Feb., 2024 (Sunday)	FULL LENGTH MOCK TEST - IV	[Evening Session: 2:00 PM to 05:00 PM] Complete Syllabus of Paper II

Note:

- **Number of Mock Tests: 10**
- **Nature: Flexible. Reschedule on the request of the candidate.**
- **All Test Papers should be written and submitted before 10 September 2024**
- **No Copy will be checked, submitted after 10 September 2024**
- **Students can postpone but not prepone the test date based in the schedule.**
- **Civil Services (Mains) Exam, 2024 will commence from: 20 September, 2024**

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