

Sociology **Optional**

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Online Test Series



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KEY FEATURES OF SOCIOLOGY OPTIONAL TEST SERIES...

WHAT MAKES IT UNIQUE?

- It will imbibe a learning based on Targeted Score Maximization Program (TSMP) for students.
- The TSMP approach is envisioned to provide a focused, comprehensive and outcome-based program tuned to the requirements of the Civil Service Mains Sociology Optional examination.
- The objective is to strengthen conceptual and analytical grasp over the subject as well as important nuances of answer writing.
- The target is to enhance the scoring potential of the students and put them comfortably in 300-320 zone of marking.
- The Sociology Optional Test Series Program offers students access to cutting edge understanding organized in a pedagogical form that is accessible and interesting in the most comprehensive and time-bound manner.
- The courses range in time and space and across themes as per the syllabus in the most scientific and modular pattern.

COURSE STRUCTURE

- **6 Sectional + 4 full length (Mock) Tests**
- Detailed discussion + One to One Doubt Counter.
- The content, nature and level of questions is tailored to fulfill the twin requirements of vertical and horizontal coverage of the topics as enshrined in the syllabus.
- While broad coverage(Horizontal) of the syllabus, the discussions would help deepen the understanding over the topic and help master the art of answer writing.
- Model hints shall be provided to upgrade analytical skills, cognitive development and quick revision at the time examination.
- Discussion on the question papers via zoom and/or call.

SCHEDULE

CONTENT

TEST No.	Date of Test	Sections Covered	Topics Covered
Test 1	08 June, 2025 (Sunday)	Paper- I FUNDAMENTALS OF SOCIOLOGY (From Units: 4 & 5)	<p>4. Sociological Thinkers:</p> <p>(a) <i>Karl Marx</i> - Historical materialism, mode of production, alienation, class struggle.</p> <p>(b) <i>Emile Durkheim</i>- Division of labour, social fact, suicide, religion and society.</p> <p>(c) <i>Max Weber</i>- Social action, ideal types, authority, bureaucracy, protestant ethic and the spirit of capitalism.</p> <p>(d) <i>Talcott Parsons</i>- Social system, pattern variables.</p> <p>(e) <i>Robert K. Merton</i>- Latent and manifest functions, conformity and deviance, reference groups.</p> <p>(f) <i>Mead</i>- Self and identity.</p> <p>5. Stratification and Mobility:</p> <p>(a) <i>Concepts</i>- equality, inequality, hierarchy, exclusion, poverty and deprivation.</p> <p>(b) <i>Theories of social stratification</i>- Structural functionalist theory, Marxist theory, Weberian theory.</p> <p>(c) <i>Dimensions</i>– Social stratification of class, status groups, gender, ethnicity and race.</p> <p>(d) <i>Social mobility</i>- open and closed systems, types of mobility, sources and causes of mobility.</p>
Test 2	15 June, 2025 (Sunday)	Paper- I FUNDAMENTALS OF SOCIOLOGY (From Units: 1, 2, 3 & 6)	<p>1. Sociology - The Discipline:</p> <p>(a) Modernity and social changes in Europe and emergence of sociology.</p> <p>(b) Scope of the subject and comparison with other social sciences.</p> <p>(c) Sociology and common sense.</p> <p>2. Sociology as Science:</p> <p>(a) Science, scientific method and critique.</p> <p>(b) Major theoretical strands of research methodology.</p> <p>(c) Positivism and its critique.</p> <p>(d) Fact value and objectivity.</p> <p>(e) Non- positivist methodologies.</p> <p>3. Research Methods and Analysis:</p> <p>(a) Qualitative and quantitative methods.</p> <p>(b) Techniques of data collection.</p> <p>(c) Variables, sampling, hypothesis, reliability and 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	22 June, 2025 (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	29 June, 2025 (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>(i) Rural and Agrarian Social Structure:</i></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: (a) Perspectives on the study of caste systems: G.S. Ghurye, M N Srinivas, Louis Dumont, Andre Beteille. (b) Features of caste system. (c) Untouchability - forms and perspectives</p> <p>(iii) Tribal communities in India: (a) Definitional problems. (b) Geographical spread. (c) Colonial policies and tribes. (d) Issues of integration and autonomy.</p>
Test 5	06 July, 2025 (Sunday)	Paper- II A. Introducing Indian Society + B. Social Structure + C. Social Changes in India	<p>(iv) Social Classes in India: (a) Agrarian class structure. (b) Industrial class structure. (c) Middle classes in India.</p> <p>(v) Systems of Kinship in India: (a) Lineage and descent in India. (b) Types of kinship systems. (c) Family and marriage in India. (d) Household dimensions of the family. (e) Patriarchy, entitlements and sexual division of labour.</p> <p>(vi) Religion and Society: (a) Religious communities in India. (b) Problems of religious minorities.</p> <p>C. Social Changes in India: (i) Visions of Social Change in India: (a) Idea of development planning and mixed economy. (b) Constitution, law and social change. (c) Education and social change.</p> <p>(ii) Rural and Agrarian transformation in India: (a) Programmes of rural development, Community Development Programme, cooperatives, poverty alleviation schemes. (b) Green revolution and social change. (c) Changing modes of production in Indian agriculture. (d) Problems of rural labour, bondage, migration.</p>
Test 6	13 July, 2025 (Sunday)	Paper- II C. Social Changes in India	<p>(iii) Industrialization and Urbanisation in India: (a) Evolution of modern industry in India. (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:</p>

			<p>(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	27 July, 2025 (Sunday)	FULL LENGTH MOCK TEST - I	[Morning Session: 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM] Complete Syllabus of Paper I
Test 8	03 Aug., 2025 (Sunday)	FULL LENGTH MOCK TEST - II	[Morning Session: 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM] Complete Syllabus of Paper II
Test 9	10 Aug., 2025 (Sunday)	FULL LENGTH MOCK TEST - III	[Morning Session: 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM] Complete Syllabus of Paper I
Test 10	10 Aug., 2025 (Sunday)	FULL LENGTH MOCK TEST - IV	[Evening Session: 2:00 PM to 05:00 PM] Complete Syllabus of Paper II
Civil Services Mains Examination 2025 will start from 22 August, 2025			

Note:

- Number of Mock Tests: 10
- Nature: Flexible. Reschedule on the request of the candidate.
- All Test Papers should be written and submitted before 17 August 2025
- No Copy will be checked, submitted after 17 August 2025
- Students can postpone but not prepone the test date based in the schedule.

Sociology Test Series – 2025

Features:

Fees: ₹19,000 (Pay Now)

🌀 **Duration:** Till 2025 Mains Exam

🌀 **Number of Test:** 10

- 6 Sectional Tests + 4 Full-Length Tests
- Sample answers will be provided only for the 6 Sectional Tests.
- The 4 Full-Length Tests will be evaluated based on the originality of the candidate's responses. No answer is considered wrong as long as it is relevant to the question.

🌀 **Study Materials:** 8 Booklets (Soft Copy)

🌀 **Mode:** Online

🌀 **Test Series Medium :** English

🌀 **Communication:** Two-Ways

(Includes Google Meet sessions for doubt clearance)

🌀 **Syllabus Coverage:** Complete (Questions designed as per 2025 exam relevance)

🌀 **Test Schedule:** Yes

🌀 **Nature of Questions:** Based on importance for 2025 CSE

🌀 **Best for Candidates appearing in 2025 CSE Mains**

Student Support

- Email
- Phone
- Zoom / Google Meet
- Chat

Wish You All The BEST!