

# Sociology Optional Test Series – 2026



**By Bibhash Sharma for Mains 2026**

(Batch Starts: 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2026)

(No. of Test: 08)

## WHAT MAKES IT UNIQUE?

- It will imbibe a learning based on Targeted Score Maximisation 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 Services 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 score potential of the students and put them comfortably in 280-300+ 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 course range in time and space and across themes as per the syllabus in the most scientific and modular pattern.

## COURSE STRUCTURE .....

- **6 Sectional + 2 Full-length (Mock) Tests = Total 08 Tests**
- Detailed Discussion and One-on-One Doubt Clearance.
- 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 board coverage (Horizontal) of the syllabus, the discussions would help deepen the understanding over the topic and help master the art of answer writing.
- Model answers shall be provided to upgrade analytical skills, cognitive development and quick revision at the time of examination.
- Discussion on the question papers via zoom and/or call.

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**SCHEDULE**

**CONTENT**

TEST No.	Date of Test	Sections Covered	Topics Covered
Test 1	21 June, 2026 (Sunday)	Paper-I <b>FUNDAMENTALS OF SOCIOLOGY</b> (From Units: 4 & 5)	<p><b>4. Sociological Thinkers:</b></p> <p>(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.</p> <p><b>5. Stratification and Mobility:</b></p> <p>(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.  <i>Social mobility</i>- open and closed systems, types of mobility, sources and causes of mobility.</p>
Test 2	28 June, 2026 (Sunday)	Paper-I <b>FUNDAMENTALS OF SOCIOLOGY</b> (From Units: 1, 2, 3 & 6)	<p><b>1. Sociology - The Discipline:</b></p> <p>(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.</p> <p><b>2. Sociology as Science:</b></p> <p>(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.</p> <p><b>3. Research Methods and Analysis:</b></p> <p>(a) Qualitative and quantitative methods.            (b) Techniques of data collection.            (c) Variables, sampling, hypothesis, reliability and validity.</p> <p><b>6. Works and Economic Life:</b></p> <p>(a) Social organization of work in different types of society- slave society, feudal society, industrial /capitalist society.</p>

			(b) Formal and informal organization of work (c) Labour and society.
<b>Test 3</b>	<b>05 July, 2026</b> (Sunday)	<b>Paper-I FUNDAMENTALS OF SOCIOLOGY</b> (From Units: 7, 8, 9 & 10)	<p><b>7. Politics and Society:</b> (a) Sociological theories of power (b) Power elite, bureaucracy, pressure groups, and political parties. (c) Nation, state, citizenship, democracy, civil society, ideology. Protest, agitation, social movements, collective action, revolution.</p> <p><b>8. Religion and Society:</b> (a) Sociological theories of religion. (b) Types of religious practices: animism, monism, pluralism, sects, cults. Religion in modern society: religion and science, secularization, religious revivalism, fundamentalism.</p> <p><b>9. Systems of Kinship:</b> (a) Family, household, marriage. (b) Types and forms of family. (c) Lineage and descent (d) Patriarchy and sexual division of labour (e) Contemporary trends.</p> <p><b>10. Social Change in Modern Society:</b> (a) Sociological theories of social change. (b) Development and dependency. (c) Agents of social change. (d) Education and social change. (e) Science, technology and social change Illiteracy and disparities in education</p>
<b>Test 4</b>	<b>12 July, 2026</b> (Sunday)	<b>Paper-II</b> <b>A. Introducing Indian Society</b> + <b>B. Social Structure</b>	<p><b>A. Introducing Indian Society:</b> <i>(i) Perspectives on the study of Indian society:</i> (a) Indology (G.S. Ghurye). (b) Structural functionalism (M N Srinivas). (c) Marxist sociology (A R Desai).</p> <p><b>A. (ii) Impact of colonial rule on Indian society:</b> (a) Social background of Indian nationalism. (b) Modernization of Indian tradition. (c) Protests and movements during the colonial period. (d) Social reforms</p> <p><b>B. Social Structure:</b> <i>(i) Rural and Agrarian Social Structure:</i> (a) The idea of Indian village and village studies- (b) Agrarian social structure - evolution of land tenure system, land reforms.</p> <p><b>(ii) Caste System:</b> (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><b>(iii) Tribal communities in India:</b></p> <p>(a) Definitional problems.  (b) Geographical spread.  (c) Colonial policies and tribes.  Issues of integration and autonomy.</p>
Test 5	19 July, 2026 (Sunday)	<p><b>Paper-II</b></p> <p><b>A. Introducing Indian Society</b>  +  <b>B. Social Structure</b>  +  <b>C. Social Changes in India</b></p>	<p><b>(iv) Social Classes in India:</b></p> <p>(a) Agrarian class structure.  (b) Industrial class structure.  (c) Middle classes in India.</p> <p><b>(v) Systems of Kinship in India:</b></p> <p>(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><b>(vi) Religion and Society:</b></p> <p>(a) Religious communities in India.  (b) Problems of religious minorities.</p> <p><b>C. Social Changes in India:</b></p> <p><b>(i) Visions of Social Change in India:</b></p> <p>(a) Idea of development planning and mixed economy.  (b) Constitution, law and social change.  (c) Education and social change.</p> <p><b>(ii) Rural and Agrarian transformation in India:</b></p> <p>(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	22 July, 2026 (Sunday)	<p><b>Paper-II</b></p> <p><b>C. Social Changes in India</b></p>	<p><b>(iii) Industrialization and Urbanisation in India:</b></p> <p>(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><b>(iv) Politics and Society:</b></p> <p>(a) Nation, democracy and citizenship.  (b) Political parties, pressure groups, social and political elite.  (c) Regionalism and decentralization of power.  (d) Secularization</p> <p><b>(v) Social Movements in Modern India:</b></p> <p>(a) Peasants and farmers movements.  (b) Women's movement.  (c) Dalit movement.</p>

			<p>(d) Environmental movements. (e) Ethnicity and Identity movements.</p> <p><b>(vi) Population Dynamics:</b> (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><b>(vii) Challenges of Social Transformation:</b> (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>
<b>Test 7</b>	<b>02 Aug., 2026</b> (Sunday)	<b>FULL LENGTH MOCK TEST - III</b>	<b>[Morning Session: 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM]</b> Complete Syllabus of Paper I
<b>Test 8</b>	<b>02 Aug., 2026</b> (Sunday)	<b>FULL LENGTH MOCK TEST - IV</b>	<b>[Evening Session: 2:30 PM to 05:30 PM]</b> Complete Syllabus of Paper II
<b>Civil Services Mains Examination 2026 will start from 21 August, 2026 (Friday)</b>			
<b>Note:</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of Mock Tests: 08</li> <li>• Nature: Flexible. Reschedule on the request of the candidate.</li> <li>• All Test Papers should be written and submitted before 14 August 2026</li> <li>• No Copy will be checked, submitted after 14 August 2026</li> <li>• Students can postpone but not prepone the test date based in the schedule.</li> </ul>			

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## At a Glance:

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- 🌀 **Number of Tests:** 8
- 🌀 **Duration:** Till UPSC CSE Mains 2026
  - 6 Sectional Tests + 2 Full-Length MOCK Tests
  - Model answers will be provided for the 6 Sectional Tests
  - The 2 Full-Length Mock 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 Material:** Comprehensive Soft-Copy Notes and Resources
- 🌀 **Mode:** Online
- 🌀 **Medium:** English
- 🌀 **Personal Mentorship:** Direct One-on-One Interaction with Bibhash Sharma via Email, Phone Calls, and Zoom Sessions
- 🌀 **Syllabus Coverage:** Complete (Questions designed as per 2026 exam relevance)
- 🌀 **Test Schedule:** Yes
- 🌀 **Nature of Questions:** Based on importance for 2026 CSE
- 🌀 **Ideal For:** Candidates Appearing for UPSC CSE Mains 2026

## Student Support

- Email
- Phone
- Zoom / Google Meet

**Wish You All The BEST!**