

MAINS SOCIOLOGY - 2023

Optional Subjects - Test Batch Timings are flexible customized to every individual student.

Test . No	Syllabus & Time - (9.30 A.M-12.30 P.M.)
1. 14.06.2023	Section A
	4. Sociological Thinkers: -
	(a) Karl Marx- Historical materialism, mode of production, alienation, class
	struggle. (b) Emile Durkheim- Division of labour, social fact, suicide, religion
	and society. (c) Max Weber- Social action, ideal types, authority, bureaucracy,
	protestant ethic and the spirit of capitalism. (d) Talcolt Parsons- Social
	system, pattern variables. (e) Robert K. Merton- Latent and manifest
	functions, conformity and deviance, reference groups (f) Mead - Self and
	identity.
2. 28.06.2023	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 validity.
3. 12.07.2023	Section A
	5. Stratification and Mobility: -
	(a) Concepts- equality, inequality, hierarchy, exclusion, poverty and
	deprivation (b) Theories of social stratification- Structural functionalist
	theory, Marxist theory, Weberian theory. (c) Dimensions - Social
	stratification of class, status groups, gender, ethnicity and race. (d)
	Social mobility- open and closed systems, types of mobility, sources and
	causes of mobility.



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	6. Works and Economic Life: -
	(a) Social organization of work in different types of society- slave
	society, feudal society, industrial /capitalist society. (b) Formal and
	informal organization of work (c) Labour and society.
	7. Politics and Society: -
	(a) Sociological theories of power (b) Power elite, bureaucracy, pressure
	groups, and political parties. (c) Nation, state, citizenship, democracy, civil
	society, ideology. (d) Protest, agitation, social movements, collective action,
	revolution.
4. 26.07.2023	8. Religion and Society: -
00_5	(a) Sociological theories of religion. (b) Types of religious practices:
	animism, monism, pluralism, sects, cults. (c) Religion in modern
	society: religion and science, secularization, religious revivalism,
	fundamentalism.
	9. Systems of Kinship: -
	(a) Family, household, marriage. (b) Types and forms of family.
	(c) Lineage and descent (d) Patriarchy and sexual division of labour
	(e) Contemporary trends.
	10. Social Change in Modern Society: -
	(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.
5. 16.08.2023	A. INTRODUCING INDIAN SOCIETY:
	(i) Perspectives on the study of Indian society: -
	(a) Indology (GS. Ghurye). (b) Structural functionalism (M N Srinivas).
	(c) Marxist sociology (A R Desai).
	(ii) Impact of colonial rule on Indian society : -
	(a) Social background of Indian nationalism. (b) Modernization of Indian
	tradition. (c) Protests and movements during the colonial period. (d) Social
	reforms



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6. 23.08.2023	B. SOCIAL STRUCTURE:
	(i) 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.
	(ii) Caste System: -
	(a) Perspectives on the study of caste systems: GS Ghurye, M N
	Srinivas, Louis Dumont, Andre Beteille. (b) Features of caste system.
	(c) Untouchability - forms and perspectives
	(iii) Tribal communities in India: -
	(a) Definitional problems. (b) Geographical spread. (c) Colonial policies
	and tribes. (d) Issues of integration and autonomy.
	(iv) Social Classes in India: -
	(a) Agrarian class structure. (b) Industrial class structure. (c) Middle
	classes in India.
	(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.
	(vi) Religion and Society: -
	(a) Religious communities in India. (b) Problems of religious minorities.
7. 29.08.2023	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.
	(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.
	(iii) Industrialization and Urbanisation in India: - (a) Evolution of



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	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.
	(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
8. 30.08.2023	(v). Social Movements in Modern India:
	(a) Peasants and farmers movements.
	(b) Women's movement.
	(c) Backward classes & Dalit movement.
	(d) Environmental movements.
	(e) Ethnicity and Identity movements.
	(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.
	(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.
	Current Social Issues based on Latest One year News
9. 04.09.2023 (FN)	FULL PRESCRIBED SYLLABUS - Paper 1 - (Section A & Section B)
10. 04.09.2023 (AN)	FULL PRESCRIBED SYLLABUS - Paper 2 (Section A & Section B)
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