



MAINS SOCIOLOGY - 2024

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| Test . No | Syllabus & Time – (9.30 A.M-12.30 P.M.) |
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| 1. 24.07.2023 | <u>Section A</u> |
| | 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. 08.08.2023 | 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. 16.082023 | 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. 25.08.2023 | 8. Religion and Society: - | | |
| | (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. 06.09.2023 | 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. 15.09.2023 | B. SOCIAL STRUCTURE: |
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| | (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. 25.09.2023 | 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 | | | |
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| | (c) Working class: structure, growth, class mobilization. (d) Information | | | |
| | 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 | | | |
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| 8. 09.10.2023 | (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. 24.10.2023 (FN) | FULL PRESCRIBED SYLLABUS - Paper 1 - (Section A & Section B) | | | |
| 10. 04.11.2023 (AN) | FULL PRESCRIBED SYLLABUS - Paper 2 (Section A & Section B) | | | |