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SOCIOLOGY

OPTIONAL TEST SERIES-2025

STARTS ON: JUNE 21, 2025

10 TESTS | 8 SECTIONAL TEST + 2 FULL LENGTH TEST

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Our approach is grounded in simplicity, practicality, and precision, enabling aspirants to grasp the true demands of the UPSC examination. By continuously innovating, we ensure that the preparation process remains adaptable and personalized. We tailor our guidance based on each aspirant's core strengths, time availability, access to resources, and the specific expectations of the Civil Services Exam. Through our interactive learning methods—including expert consultations via email and phone—we provide ongoing mentorship that sharpens performance and ensures focused progress in the right direction.



FLEXIBILITY

We also offer our students the flexibility of personalized scheduling, allowing them to reschedule their tests according to their individual study plans for the examination.

SECTIONAL TEST

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TOTAL NUMBER OF TEST

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METHODOLOGY

Methodology for evaluation of Answer sheet: Our expert will evaluate aspirant's




EVALUATION INDICATORS
1. Contextual Competence
2. Content Competence
3. Language Competence
4. Introduction Competence
5. Structure - Presentation Competence
6. Conclusion Competence



NOTE

- » Question cum answer booklet, approach - answer - analysis of mock test papers will be provided in PDF format For Online students.
- » Supplementary material/Reference material/Support material will be provided in PDF format.
- » Information related test discussions will be notified on telegram Group.

SOCIOLOGY TEST SCHEDULE

 Test No.	 Date	 Units and Topics covered
Test 1	June 21,2025	PAPER – I 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. Unit – 4: THINKER: Karl Marx – Historical materialism, mode of production, alienation, class struggle
Test 2	June 28,2025	PAPER I 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. 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. Unit – 4: THINKER: Emile Durkheim – Division of labour, social fact, suicide, religion and society
Test 3	July 05,2025	PAPER – II A. Introducing Indian Society: 1. Perspectives on the Study of Indian Society: a. Indology (G.S. Ghure). b. Structural functionalism (M. N. Srinivas). c. Marxist sociology (A. R. Desai).

		<p>2. Impact of colonial rule on Indian society:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Social background of Indian nationalism. b. Modernization of Indian tradition. c. Protests and movements during the colonial period d. Social reforms. <p>B. Social Structure:</p> <p>1. Rural and Agrarian Social Structure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The idea of Indian village and village studies b. Agrarian social structure— evolution of land tenure system, land reforms. <p>3. Tribal Communities in India:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Definitional problems. b. Geographical spread. c. Colonial policies and tribes. d. Issues of integration and autonomy. <p>Unit – 4: THINKER: A. R. Desai</p>
Test 4	July 12,2025	<p>B. Social Structure:</p> <p>2. Caste System:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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>4. Social Classes in India:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Agrarian class structure. b. Industrial class structure. c. Middle classes in India. <p>5. Systems of Kinship in India:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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>Unit – 4: THINKER: M. N. Srinivas</p>
Test 5	July 19,2025	<p>7. Politics and Society:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. <p>8. Religion and Society:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. <p>Unit – 4: THINKER: Max Weber – Social action, ideal types, authority, bureaucracy, protestant ethic and the spirit of capitalism.</p>

Test 6	July 26,2025	<p>9. Systems of Kinship:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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>10. Social Change in Modern Society:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. <p>10. Social Change in Modern Society:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. <p>Unit – 4: THINKER:</p> <p>1. Robert K. Merton – Latent and manifest functions, conformity and deviance, reference groups</p> <p>2. Mead – Self and identity</p>
Test 7	August 02,2025	<p>B. Social Structure</p> <p>4. Religion and Society:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Religious communities in India. b. Problems of religious minorities. <p>C. Social Changes in India:</p> <p>1. Visions of Social Change in India:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Idea of development planning and mixed economy. b. Constitution, law, and social change. c. Education and social change. <p>2. Rural and Agrarian Transformation in India:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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>3. Industrialization and Urbanisation in India:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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>Unit – 4: THINKER: G.S. Ghure</p>

Test 8	August 09,2025	C. Social Changes in India: 4. Politics and Society: Nation, democracy and citizenship. b. Political parties, pressure groups, social and political elite. c. Regionalism and decentralization of power. d. Secularization. 5. Social Movements in Modern India: Peasants and farmers' movements. b. Women's movement. c. Backward classes & Dalit movements. d. Environmental movements. 6. Population Dynamics: 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. 7.Challenges of Social Transformation: 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.
Test 9	August 16,2025	FULL LENGTH TEST PAPER 1
Test 10	August 16,2025	FULL LENGTH TEST PAPER 2