

Test Schedule & Syllabus

Test-1: December 21, 2024 (Saturday)

Syllabus: Sociology - The Discipline

1. Modernity and social changes in Europe and the emergence of Sociology.
 2. Scope of Sociology and comparison with other social sciences.
 3. Sociology and common sense.
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Test-2: December 28, 2024 (Saturday)

Syllabus: Sociology as Science & Research Methods

1. Science, scientific method, and critique.
 2. Positivism and its critique.
 3. Fact value and objectivity; Non-positivist methodologies.
 4. Qualitative and quantitative methods; Techniques of data collection.
 5. Variables, sampling, hypothesis, reliability, and validity.
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Doubt Clearance Session-1: January 5, 2025 (Sunday)**

Covers Test-1 and Test-2**

Test-3: January 4, 2025 (Saturday)

Syllabus: Sociological Thinkers (Part I)

1. Karl Marx - Historical materialism, mode of production, alienation, class struggle.
 2. Emile Durkheim - Division of labour, social fact, suicide, religion, and society.
 3. Max Weber - Social action, ideal types, authority, bureaucracy, protestant ethics, and the spirit of capitalism.
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Test-4: January 11, 2025 (Saturday)

Syllabus: Sociological Thinkers (Part II)

1. Talcott Parsons - Social system, pattern variables.
2. Robert K. Merton - Latent and manifest functions, conformity and deviance, reference groups.
3. Mead - Self and identity.

Doubt Clearance Session-2: January 19, 2025 (Sunday)**

Covers Test-3 and Test-4**

Test-5: January 18, 2025 (Saturday)

Syllabus: Stratification and Mobility

1. Concepts: equality, inequality, hierarchy, exclusion, poverty, and deprivation.
 2. Theories: Structural functionalist theory, Marxist theory, Weberian theory.
 3. Dimensions: Social stratification of class, status groups, gender, ethnicity, and race.
 4. Social mobility: Types, sources, and causes of mobility.
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Test-6: January 25, 2025 (Saturday)

Syllabus: Works and Economic Life; Politics and Society

1. Social organisation of work: slave, feudal, industrial capitalist societies.
 2. Bureaucracy, pressure groups, and political parties.
 3. Nation, democracy, and citizenship.
 4. Protest, social movements, and collective action.
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Doubt Clearance Session-3: February 2, 2025 (Sunday)**

Covers Test-5 and Test-6**

Test-7: February 1, 2025 (Saturday)

Syllabus: Religion and Society

1. Sociological theories of religion.
 2. Religion in modern society: secularisation, fundamentalism, religious revivalism.
 3. Religious minorities and issues.
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Test-8: February 8, 2025 (Saturday)

Syllabus: Systems of Kinship

1. Family, marriage, lineage, and descent.
 2. Patriarchy and contemporary trends in kinship.
 3. Kinship systems in India: family and marriage, entitlements, and sexual division of labour.
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Doubt Clearance Session-4: February 16, 2025 (Sunday)**

Covers Test-7 and Test-8**

Test-9: February 15, 2025 (Saturday)

Syllabus: Social Change in Modern Society

1. Sociological theories of social change.
 2. Agents of social change: education, science, and technology.
 3. Visions of social change in India: development planning, constitution, and social change.
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Test-10: February 22, 2025 (Saturday)

Syllabus: Perspectives on Indian Society & Colonial Impact

1. Indology (G.S. Ghure), Structural functionalism (M.N. Srinivas), Marxist sociology (A.R. Desai).
 2. Modernisation of Indian traditions, social reforms, and protests during colonial rule.
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Doubt Clearance Session-5: February 23, 2025 (Sunday)**

Covers Test-9 and Test-10**

Test-11: February 29, 2025 (Saturday)

Syllabus: Rural and Agrarian Social Structure

1. Agrarian social structure: land tenure, land reforms.
 2. Green revolution and rural development programmes.
 3. Rural labour, bondage, and migration.
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Test-12: March 7, 2025 (Saturday)

Syllabus: Social Movements and Challenges of Social Transformation

1. Peasant, women's, Dalit, environmental, and identity movements.
 2. Caste conflicts, communalism, and gender-based violence.
 3. Crisis of development: poverty, displacement, and sustainability.
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Doubt Clearance Session-6: March 9, 2025 (Sunday)**

Covers Test-11 and Test-12**