

CSB IAS ACADEMY

GAJENDRA PALACE, ASHOK NAGAR EXTENSION, HYDERABAD

SOCIOLOGY OPTIONAL TEST SERIES-2023

S No.	Exam Date	Paper-I Syllabus (Fundamentals of Sociology)	Paper-II Syllabus (Indian Society- Structure and Change)
1.	15.06.2023 Thursday	<p>1. Sociology - The Discipline:</p> <p>a) Modernity and social changes in Europe and emergence of sociology.</p> <p>b) Scope of the subject and comparison with other social sciences</p> <p>c) Sociology and common sense.</p> <p>2. Sociology as Science:</p> <p>a) Science, scientific method and critique.</p> <p>b) Major theoretical strands of research methodology</p> <p>c) Positivism and its critique.</p> <p>d) Fact value and objectivity.</p> <p>e) Non- positivist methodologies</p>	<p>A. Introducing Indian Society:</p> <p>(i) Perspectives on the study of Indian Society:</p> <p>a) Indology (GS. Ghurye).</p> <p>b) Structural functionalism (M N Srinivas).</p> <p>c) Marxist sociology (A R Desai).</p> <p>(ii) Impact of colonial rule on Indian Society:</p> <p>a) Social background of Indian nationalism.</p> <p>b) Modernization of Indian tradition</p> <p>c) Protests and movements during the colonial period.</p> <p>d) Social reforms.</p>
2.	26.06.2023 Monday	<p>3. Research Methods and Analysis:</p> <p>a) Qualitative and quantitative methods.</p> <p>b) Techniques of data collection.</p> <p>c) Variables, sampling, hypothesis, reliability and validity.</p> <p>4. Sociological Thinkers:</p> <p>a) Karl Marx- Historical materialism, mode of production, alienation, class struggle.</p>	<p>C. (v) Social Movements in Modern India:</p> <p>a) Peasants and farmers movements</p> <p>b) Women's movement.</p> <p>c) Backward classes & Dalit movement.</p> <p>d) Environmental movements.</p> <p>e) Ethnicity and Identity movements.</p>

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		<p>b) Emile Durkheim- Division of labour, social fact, suicide, religion and society.</p> <p>c) Max Weber- Social action, ideal types, authority, bureaucracy, protestant ethic and the spirit of capitalism.</p> <p>d) Talcott Parsons- Social system, pattern variables.</p> <p>e) Robert K. Merton- Latent and manifest functions, conformity and deviance, reference groups</p> <p>f) Mead - Self and identity.</p>	
3.	13.07.2023 Thursday	<p>5. Stratification and Mobility:</p> <p>a) Concepts- equality, inequality, hierarchy, exclusion, poverty and deprivation.</p> <p>b) Theories of social stratification- Structural functionalist theory, Marxist theory, Weberian theory.</p> <p>c) Dimensions – Social stratification of class, status groups, gender, ethnicity and race.</p> <p>d) Social mobility- open and closed systems, types of mobility, sources and causes of mobility.</p> <p>6. Works and Economic Life:</p> <p>a) Social organization of work in different types of society- slave society, feudal society, industrial /capitalist society.</p>	<p>B. Social Structure:</p> <p>(i) Rural and Agrarian Social Structure:</p> <p>a) The idea of Indian village and village studies.</p> <p>b) Agrarian social structure – evolution of land tenure system, land reforms.</p> <p>(ii) Caste System:</p> <p>a) Perspectives on the study of caste system: GS Ghurye, MN Srinivas, Louis Dumont and Andre Beteille.</p> <p>b) Features of caste system.</p> <p>c) Untouchability - forms and perspectives.</p> <p>(iii) Tribal communities in India:</p> <p>a) Definitional problems.</p>

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		<p>b) Formal and informal organization of work.</p> <p>c) Labour and society.</p>	<p>b) Geographical spread.</p> <p>c) Colonial policies and tribes.</p> <p>c) Issues of integration and autonomy.</p> <p>(iv) Social Classes in India:</p> <p>a) Agrarian class structure.</p> <p>b) Industrial class structure.</p> <p>c) Middle classes in India.</p> <p>C. (iii) Industrialization and Urbanisation in India:</p> <p>a) Evolution of modern industry in India.</p> <p>b) Growth of urban settlements in India.</p> <p>c) Working class: structure, growth, class mobilization.</p> <p>d) Informal sector, child labour.</p> <p>e) Slums and deprivation in urban areas.</p>
4.	24.07.2023 Monday	<p>7. Politics and Society:</p> <p>a) Sociological theories of power.</p> <p>b) Power elite, bureaucracy, pressure groups, and political parties.</p> <p>c) Nation, state, citizenship, democracy, civil society,</p>	<p>B. (v) Systems of Kinship in India:</p> <p>a) Lineage and descent in India.</p> <p>b) Types of kinship systems.</p> <p>c) Family and marriage in India.</p> <p>d) Household dimensions of the family.</p>

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		<p>ideology</p> <p>d) Protest, agitation, social movements, collective action, revolution.</p> <p>8. Religion and Society:</p> <p>a) Sociological theories of religion.</p> <p>b) Types of religious practices: animism, monism, pluralism, sects, cults</p> <p>c) Religion in modern society: religion and science, secularization, religious revivalism, fundamentalism.</p> <p>9. Systems of Kinship:</p> <p>a) Family, household, marriage.</p> <p>b) Types and forms of family.</p> <p>c) Lineage and descent.</p> <p>d) Patriarchy and sexual division of labour.</p> <p>e) Contemporary trends.</p>	<p>e) Patriarchy, entitlements and sexual division of labour.</p> <p>(vi) Religion and Society:</p> <p>a) Religious communities in India</p> <p>b) Problems of religious minorities.</p> <p>C. (iv) Politics and Society:</p> <p>a) Nation, democracy and citizenship.</p> <p>b) Political parties, pressure groups, social and political elite.</p> <p>c) Regionalism and decentralization of power.</p> <p>d) Secularization</p>
5.	14.08.2023 Monday	<p>10. Social Change in Modern Society:</p> <p>a) Sociological theories of social change.</p> <p>b) Development and dependency</p> <p>c) Agents of social change</p> <p>d) Education and social change.</p> <p>e) Science, technology and social change.</p>	<p>C. Social Changes in India:</p> <p>(i) Visions of Social Change in India:</p> <p>a) Idea of development planning and mixed economy.</p> <p>b) Constitution, law and social change.</p> <p>c) Education and social change.</p>

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			<p>(ii) Rural and Agrarian transformation in India:</p> <p>a) Programmes of rural development, Community Development Programme, cooperatives, poverty alleviation schemes.</p> <p>b) Green revolution and social change.</p> <p>c) Changing modes of production in Indian agriculture.</p> <p>d) Problems of rural labour, bondage, migration.</p> <p>(vi) Population Dynamics:</p> <p>a) Population size, growth, composition & distribution</p> <p>b) Components of population growth: birth, death, migration</p> <p>c) Population policy and family planning.</p> <p>d) Emerging issues: ageing, sex ratios, child and infant mortality, reproductive health.</p> <p>(vii) Challenges of Social Transformation:</p> <p>a) Crisis of development: displacement, environmental problems and sustainability.</p>
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			b) Poverty, deprivation and inequalities. c) Violence against women. d) Caste conflicts. e) Ethnic conflicts, communalism, religious revivalism. f) Illiteracy and disparities in education.
6.	21.08.2023 Monday	Full Length Exam (Complete Syllabus)	--
7.	25.08.2023 Friday	--	Full Length Exam (Complete Syllabus)
8.	01.09.2023 Friday	MORNING- PAPER-1 (FULL LENGTH EXAM)	
9.	01.09.2023 Friday	AFTERNOON- PAPER-2 (FULL LENGTH EXAM)	

Instructions:

- Question paper will have **FIVE** questions and candidate must attempt all questions.
- **Maximum Marks:** 250; **Time Allowed:** Three (3) hours
- Questions with No.1 & 4 will have 5 sub-questions and each sub-question will carry 10 Marks.
- Questions with No.2, 3 and 5 will have 3 sub-questions and they carry 20 marks, 20 marks and 10marks respectively.
- ONLINE/OFFLINE discussion will be held after every exam
- Scrupulous evaluation of the answer copies will be done and feedback will provided.