

Sociology 2021 Batch 4

Focus Areas: Content + Regular Answer Writing

Topic	Date
Introduction to the Course	Starts 19th October
Paper - 1	
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.	
3 Questions for Answer Writing (without Evaluation)	31st October
Deadline to Submit Answer Writing	N/A
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.	
1 Question for Answer Evaluation + 2 Questions for Answer Writing (without Evaluation)	7th November
Deadline to Submit Answer Writing	15th November (23:59pm)
3. Research Methods and Analysis:	
(a) Qualitative and quantitative methods.	
(b) Techniques of data collection.	
(c) Variables, sampling, hypothesis, reliability and validity.	
2 Questions for Answer Evaluation + 1 Question for Answer Writing (without Evaluation)	14th November
Deadline to Submit Answer Writing	22nd November (23:59pm)

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.	
2 Questions for Answer Evaluation + 1 Question for Answer Writing (without Evaluation)	21st November
Deadline to Submit Answer Writing	29th November (23:59pm)
(d) Talcott Parsons- Social system, pattern variables.	
(e) Robert K. Merton- Latent and manifest functions, conformity and deviance, reference groups.	
(f) Mead - Self and identity.	
2 Questions for Answer Evaluation + 1 Question for Answer Writing (without Evaluation)	28th November
Deadline to Submit Answer Writing	6th December (23:59pm)
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.	
2 Questions for Answer Evaluation + 1 Question for Answer Writing (without Evaluation)	5th December
Deadline to Submit Answer Writing	13th December (23:59pm)
Half-Length Test-1 (10 Questions Test)	5th December
Deadline to Submit Answer Writing	13th December (23:59pm)
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.	
2 Questions for Answer Evaluation + 1 Question for Answer Writing (without Evaluation)	12th December
Deadline to Submit Answer Writing	20th December(23:59pm)
7. Politics and Society:	
(a) Sociological theories of power.	
(b) Power elite, bureaucracy, pressure groups, and political parties.	
2 Questions for Answer Evaluation + 1 Question for Answer Writing (without Evaluation)	19th December
Deadline to Submit Answer Writing	27th December (23:59pm)
(c) Nation, state, citizenship, democracy, civil society, ideology.	
(d) Protest, agitation, social movements, collective action, revolution	
2 Questions for Answer Evaluation + 1 Question for Answer Writing (without Evaluation)	26th December
Deadline to Submit Answer Writing	3rd January '21 (23:59pm)
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.	
2 Questions for Answer Evaluation + 1 Question for Answer Writing (without Evaluation)	2nd January '21
Deadline to Submit Answer Writing	10th January (23:59pm)
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.	
2 Questions for Answer Evaluation + 1 Question for Answer Writing (without Evaluation)	9th January
Deadline to Submit Answer Writing	17th January (23:59pm)
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.	
2 Questions for Answer Evaluation + 1 Question for Answer Writing (without Evaluation)	16th January
Deadline to Submit Answer Writing	24th January (23:59pm)
Half-Length Test-2 (10 Questions Test)	16th January
Deadline to Submit Answer Writing	24th January (23:59pm)

Paper - 2	
Introduction to Paper - 2	Introduction - 25th January
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.	
3 Questions for Answer Writing (without Evaluation)	30th January
Deadline to Submit Answer Writing	N/A
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, MN Srinivas, Louis Dumont, Andre Beteille.	
(b) Features of caste system.	
(c) Untouchability - forms and perspectives.	
1 Question for Answer Evaluation + 2 Questions for Answer Writing (without Evaluation)	6th Feb
Deadline to Submit Answer Writing	14th Feb (23:59pm)
(iii) Tribal communities in India:	
(a) Definitional problems.	
(b) Geographical spread.	

(c) Colonial policies and tribes.	8th Feb - 13th Feb
(d) Issues of integration and autonomy.	
(iv) Social Classes in India:	
(a) Agrarian class structure.	
(b) Industrial class structure.	
(c) Middle classes in India.	
2 Questions for Answer Evaluation + 1 Question for Answer Writing (without Evaluation)	13th Feb
Deadline to Submit Answer Writing	21st Feb (23:59pm)
(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.	
2 Questions for Answer Evaluation + 1 Question for Answer Writing (without Evaluation)	20th Feb '21
Deadline to Submit Answer Writing	28th Feb '21 (23:59pm)
Half-Length Test-3	20th Feb '21
Deadline to Submit Answer Writing	28th Feb '21 (23:59pm)
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.	
2 Questions for Answer Evaluation + 1 Question for Answer Writing (without Evaluation)	27th Feb
Deadline to Submit Answer Writing	7th March '21 (23:59pm)
(iii) Industrialization and Urbanisation in India:	
(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.	
(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	
2 Questions for Answer Evaluation + 1 Question for Answer Writing (without Evaluation)	6th March
Deadline to Submit Answer Writing	14th March (23:59pm)
(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.	
2 Questions for Answer Evaluation + 1 Question for Answer Writing (without Evaluation)	13th March

Deadline to Submit Answer Writing	21st March (23:59pm)
(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.	
2 Questions for Answer Evaluation + 1 Question for Answer Writing (without Evaluation)	20th March
Deadline to Submit Answer Writing	28th March (23:59pm)
Half-Length Test-4	20th March
Deadline to Submit Answer Writing	28th March (23:59pm)

FULL LENGTH TESTS	
Complete Paper - 1	
Complete Paper - 2	
Deadline to Submit Answer Writing	4th April (23:59pm)