

UPSC SOCIOLOGY OPTIONAL TOPIC - WISE MARKS DISTRIBUTION

PAPER 1



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TOPICS	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
1. Sociology - The Discipline	30	30	20	20	40	20	30	50	30	20	10	20	20
(a) Modernity and social changes in Europe and emergence of	0	30	0	10	10	10	30	20	10	10	10	10	10
(b) Scope of the subject and comparison with other social sciences.	20	0	0	10	20	10	0	20	20	0	0	10	10
(c) Sociology and common sense	10	0	20	0	10	0	0	10	0	10	0	0	0
2. Sociology as science	40	20	30	50	40	40	40	50	40	50	50	50	30
(a) Science, scientific method and critique.	20	0	30	0	0	0	0	10	0	20	10	0	0
(b) Major theoretical strands of research methodology.	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	20
(c) Positivism and its critique.	20	0	0	20	20	20	0	0	30	0	0	20	10
(d) Fact value and objectivity.	0	20	0	10	0	10	0	10	0	30	20	10	0
(e) Non positivist methodologies.	0	0	0	20	20	0	40	30	10	0	29	20	0
3. Research Methods and Analysis	50	40	40	50	40	20	10	20	30	50	40	30	20
(a) Qualitative and quantitative methods.	0	40	20	10	20	0	0	20	10	10	0	0	20
(b) Techniques of data collection.	0	0	10	10	10	10	0	0	0	20	10	30	0
(c) Variables, sampling, hypothesis, reliability and validity.	50	0	10	30	10	10	10	0	20	10	30	0	0
4. Sociological Thinkers	60	50	30	120	50	100	70	110	60	110	70	160	60
Karl Marx - Historical materialism, mode of production, alienation,	20	10	20	20	20	30	10	20	20	10	0	40	30
Emile Durkheim - Division of labour, social fact, suicide, religion, and	20	10	0	40	10	30	0	40	30	20	0	40	20
Max Weber - Social action, ideal types, authority, bureaucracy,	10	20	0	0	10	10	10	10	0	40	30	40	10
Talcott Parsons - Social system, pattern variables.	0	0	0	20	0	10	0	20	10	20	20	0	10
Robert K. Merton - Latent and manifest functions, conformity,	10	0	10	20	10	20	30	10	0	20	10	30	0
Mead - Self and identity	0	10	0	20	0	0	20	10	0	0	10	10	20
5. Stratification and Mobility	40	30	50	50	40	30	110	50	50	60	30	20	80
(a) Concepts - equality, inequality, hierarchy, exclusion, poverty, and	20	10	20	10	0	20	10	10	10	10	0	0	30
(b) Theories of social stratification - Structural functionalist theory,	10	0	20	20	10	0	50	0	20	20	20	0	20
(c) Dimensions - Social stratification of class, status groups, gender,	10	10	10	10	10	0	50	10	20	0	0	20	10
(d) Social mobility - open and closed systems, types of mobility,	0	10	0	10	20	10	0	30	0	30	10	0	20
6. Works and Economic Life:	20	30	20	30	30	40	30	40	40	30	30	10	20
(a) Social organization of work in different types of society - slave	0	10	20	0	0	0	0	20	20	10	10	10	0

(b) Formal and informal organization of work.	20	0	0	30	30	40	20	0	10	20	20	0	0
(c) Labour and society.	0	20	0	0	0	0	10	20	10	0	0	0	20
7. Politics and Society:	70	40	80	60	40	40	50	20	40	30	70	70	60
(a) Sociological theories of power.	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	0	0	0	10	40	0
(b) Power elite, bureaucracy, pressure groups and political parties.	40	10	40	20	30	20	10	10	10	10	0	10	10
(c) Nation, state, citizenship, democracy, civil society, ideology.	20	10	20	20	10	10	10	0	10	0	40	10	40
(d) Protest, agitation, social movements, collective action, revolution.	10	20	20	20	0	10	10	10	20	20	20	10	10
8. Religion and Society:	10	70	50	10	30	30	0	30	20	50	30	20	20
(a) Sociological theories of religion.	0	20	20	0	10	0	0	0	0	20	0	0	0
(b) Types of religious practices: animism, monism, pluralism, sects,	0	30	20	0	10	10	0	20	10	20	10	0	0
(c) Religion in modern society: religion and science, secularization,	10	20	10	10	10	20	0	10	10	10	20	20	20
9. Systems of Kinship:	50	40	50	30	50	40	50	50	50	40	20	30	50
(a) Family, household, marriage.	30	10	30	10	0	20	20	20	20	10	0	30	0
(b) Types and forms of family.	0	30	0	0	20	0	10	10	0	0	0	0	0
(c) Lineage and descent.	0	0	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0
(d) Patriarchy and sexual division of labour.	20	0	10	0	30	20	20	20	10	10	10	0	20
(e) Contemporary trends.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	20	0	0	30
10. Social Change in Modern Society:	30	50	20	80	110	100	40	30	50	50	50	70	70
(a) Sociological theories of social change.	0	20	0	10	30	20	0	0	20	10	0	10	40
(b) Development and dependency.	20	10	10	30	40	20	20	10	0	20	10	20	10
(c) Agents of social change.	0	0	0	20	0	0	0	0	10	0	20	0	10
(d) Education and social change.	10	0	0	0	20	20	10	20	0	20	20	20	0
(e) Science, technology, and social change.	0	20	10	20	20	40	10	0	20	0	0	20	10

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