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Sociology Optional Crash Course cum Test Series Schedule – 2026-27

Date	Day	Lecture No.	Syllabus
4-Nov	Wednesday	1	**PAPER- 1** **Sociology - The Discipline** Modernity and social changes in Europe and emergence of sociology. Scope of the subject and comparison with other social sciences. Sociology and common sense.
5-Nov	Thursday	2	**Sociology as Science:** Science, scientific method and critique. Major theoretical strands of research methodology. Positivism and its critique. Fact value and objectivity. Non-positivist methodologies
6-Nov	Friday	3	**Research Methods and Analysis:** Qualitative and quantitative methods. Techniques of data collection. Variables, sampling, hypothesis, reliability and validity.
7-Nov	Saturday		Off
8-Nov	**Sunday**		**Test 1**
9-Nov	**Monday**		**Mentorship Session**
10-Nov	**Tuesday**		**Test 1 Discussion**
11-Nov	Wednesday	4	**Sociological Thinkers:** Karl Marx- Historical materialism, mode of production, alienation, class struggle. Emile Durkheim- Division of labour, social fact, suicide, religion and society. Max Weber- Social action, ideal types, authority, bureaucracy, protestant ethic and the spirit of capitalism. Talcott Parsons- Social system, pattern variables. Robert K. Merton- Latent and manifest functions, conformity and deviance, reference groups. Mead - Self and identity.
12-Nov	Thursday	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.
13-Nov	Friday		Off
14-Nov	Saturday		Off
15-Nov	**Sunday**		**Test 2**
16-Nov	**Monday**		**Mentorship Session**
17-Nov	**Tuesday**		**Test 2 Discussion**

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Date	Day	Lecture No.	Syllabus
18-Nov	Wednesday	6	**Works and Economic Life:** Social organization of work in different types of society- slave society, feudal society, industrial /capitalist society. Formal and informal organization of work. Labour and society. **Politics and Society:** Sociological theories of power. Power elite, bureaucracy, pressure groups, and political parties. Nation, state, citizenship, democracy, civil society, ideology. Protest, agitation, social movements, collective action, revolution.
19-Nov	Thursday	7	**Religion and Society:** Sociological theories of religion. Types of religious practices: animism, monism, pluralism, sects, cults. Religion in modern society: religion and science, secularization, religious revivalism, fundamentalism. **Systems of Kinship:** Family, household, marriage. Types and forms of family. Lineage and descent. Patriarchy and sexual division of labour. Contemporary trends.
20-Nov	Friday	8	**Social Change in Modern Society:** Sociological theories of social change. Development and dependency. Agents of social change. Education and social change. Science, technology and social change.
21-Nov	Saturday		Off
22-Nov	**Sunday**		**Test 3**
23-Nov	**Monday**		**Mentorship Session**
24-Nov	**Tuesday**		Test 3 Discussion
25-Nov	Wednesday	9	**PAPER- 2** **A. Introducing Indian Society:** **Perspectives on the study of Indian society:** Indology (G.S. Ghurye). Structural functionalism (M N Srinivas). Marxist sociology (A R Desai). **Impact of colonial rule on Indian society:** Social background of Indian nationalism. Modernization of Indian tradition. Protests and movements during the colonial period. Social reforms.

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Date	Day	Lecture No.	Syllabus
26-Nov	Thursday	10	**B. Social Structure:** **Rural and Agrarian Social Structure:** The idea of Indian village and village studies. Agrarian social structure - evolution of land tenure system, land reforms.
27-Nov	Friday	11	**Caste System:** Perspectives on the study of caste systems: GS Ghurye, M N Srinivas, Louis Dumont, Andre Beteille. Features of caste system. Untouchability - forms and perspectives
28-Nov	Saturday		Off
29-Nov	**Sunday**		**Test 4**
30-Nov	**Monday**		**Mentorship Session**
1-Dec	**Tuesday**		**Test 4 Discussion**
2-Dec	Wednesday	12	**Social Classes in India:** Agrarian class structure. Industrial class structure. Middle classes in India. **Tribal communities in India:** Definitional problems. Geographical spread. Colonial policies and tribes. Issues of integration and autonomy.
3-Dec	Thursday	13	**Systems of Kinship in India:** Lineage and descent in India. Types of kinship systems. Family and marriage in India. Household dimensions of the family. **Religion and Society:** Religious communities in India. Problems of religious minorities. Patriarchy, entitlements and sexual division of labour
4-Dec	Friday	14	**C. Social Changes in India:** **Visions of Social Change in India:** Idea of development planning and mixed economy. Constitution, law and social change. Education and social change. **Rural and Agrarian transformation in India:** Programmes of rural development, Community Development Programme, cooperatives, poverty alleviation schemes. Green revolution and social change. Changing modes of production in Indian agriculture . Problems of rural labour, bondage, migration.
5-Dec	Saturday		Off
6-Dec	**Sunday**		**Test 5**

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Date	Day	Lecture No.	Syllabus
7-Dec	**Monday**		**Mentorship Session**
8-Dec	**Tuesday**		**Test 5 Discussion**
9-Dec	Wednesday	15	**Industrialization and Urbanisation in India:** Evolution of modern industry in India. Growth of urban settlements in India. Working class: structure, growth, class mobilization. Informal sector, child labour. Slums and deprivation in urban areas.
10-Dec	Thursday	16	**Politics and Society:** Nation, democracy and citizenship. Political parties, pressure groups, social and political elite. Regionalism and decentralization of power. Secularization **Social Movements in Modern India:** Peasants and farmers movements. Women's movement. Backward classes & Dalit movement. Environmental movements. Ethnicity and Identity movements.
11-Dec	Friday	17	**Population Dynamics:** Population size, growth, composition and distribution. Components of population growth: birth, death, migration. Population policy and family planning. Emerging issues: ageing, sex ratios, child and infant mortality, reproductive health. **Challenges of Social Transformation:** Crisis of development: displacement, environmental problems and sustainability. Poverty, deprivation and inequalities. Violence against women. Caste conflicts. Ethnic conflicts, communalism, religious revivalism. Illiteracy and disparities in education.
12-Dec	Saturday		Off
13-Dec	**Sunday**		**Test 5**
14-Dec	**Monday**		**Mentorship Session**
15-Dec	**Tuesday**		**Test Discussion**
16-Dec	Wednesday		Off
17-Dec	Thursday		Off
18-Dec	Friday		Off
19-Dec	Saturday		Off
20-Dec	**Sunday**		**Test 6**
21-Dec	**Monday**		**Mentorship Session**
22-Dec	**Tuesday**		**Test 6 Discussion**

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23-Dec	Wednesday		Off
24-Dec	Thursday		Off
25-Dec	Friday		Off
26-Dec	Saturday		Off
27-Dec	Sunday		Off
28-Dec	**Monday**		**Mentorship Session**
29-Dec	Tuesday		Off
30-Dec	Wednesday		Off
31-Dec	Thursday		Off
1-Jan	Friday		Off
2-Jan	Saturday		Off
3-Jan	**Sunday**		**Test-7, Test-8** **Comprehensive Test** **Sociology Paper 1: 9 am to 12 pm** **Sociology Paper 2: 2:30 pm to 5:30 pm**
4-Jan	**Monday**		**Mentorship Session**