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Salient Features

- The language-style and nature of the questions are in line with the questions asked by the Union Public Service Commission and based on deep understanding and knowledge.
- Simple and effective presentation of model answers with interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary approach.
- Emphasis on preparing better answers through illustrations, examples, graphic analysis, etc. required in answer writing by adopting scientific approach.
- Use of only standard books and sources during model answer writing.
- Necessary interval between each test for proper preparation.

Test No.	Date	Topic	Paper	Test No.	Date	Topic	Paper
Test 1 (01SOC25)	12 January, 2024 (Sunday)	Sociology the Discipline Sociology as Science Research methods and Analysis	Paper I	Test 8 (08SOC25)	16 March, 2025 (Sunday)	Religion and Indian Society Vision of social change in India Rural and agrarian transformation in India	Paper II
Test 2 (02SOC25)	19 January, 2025 (Sunday)	Sociological Thinkers (Part-I)	Paper I	Test 9 (9SOC25)	23 March, 2025 (Sunday)	Industrialisation and urbanisation in India Politics and Indian society Social movement in Modern India	Paper II
Test 3 (03SOC25)	2 February, 2025 (Sunday)	Sociological Thinkers (Part-II)	Paper I	Test 10 (10SOC25)	30 March, 2025 (Sunday)	Population Dynamics Challenges of social transformation	Paper II
Test 4 (04SOC25)	9 February, 2025 (Sunday)	Statification and mobility Politics and Society Work and Economic Life	Paper I	Test 11 (11SOC25)	08 June, 2025 (Sunday)	Revision of all the previous topics + current based application of Paper-I	Paper I
Test 5 (05SOC25)	16 February, 2025 (Sunday)	Religion and Society System of Kinship Social change in modern society	Paper I	Test 12 (12SOC25)	22 June, 2025 (Sunday)	Revision of all the previous topics + current based application of Paper-II	Paper-II
Test 6 (06SOC25)	2 March, 2025 (Sunday)	Perspective of study of Indian Society Impact of colonial rule on Indian society Social structure; rural and agrarian social structure only	Paper II	Test 13 (13SOC25)	13 July, 2025 (Sunday)	Full Length Paper I	
Test 7 (07SOC25)	9 March, 2025 (Sunday)	Caste System Tribal Communities in India Social Class in India System of Kinship in India	Paper II	Test 14 (14SOC25)		Full Length Paper II	
				Test 15 (15SOC25)	27 July, 2025 (Sunday)	Full Length Paper I	
				Test 16 (16SOC25)		Full Length Paper II	

*For detailed breakup of syllabus, kindly refer to the subsequent pages.



Test Schedule

Test Code	Test Date	Subject	Source List
Test 1 (01SOC25)	12 January, 2025 (Sunday)	<p>Sociology the Discipline</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Modernity and Social Changes In Europe Emergence of Sociology ● Scope of The Subject & Comparison With Other Social Sciences ● Sociology & Common Sense <p>Sociology as Science</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Science, Scientific Method & Critique ● Major Theoretical Strands of Research Methodology ● Positivism And Its Critique ● Fact Value & Objectivity ● Non-Positivist Methodologies <p>Research methods and Analysis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Qualitative & Quantitative Methods ● Techniques Of Data Collection ● Variables, Sampling, Hypothesis, Reliability & Validity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Primary Material: NCERT, Sociology, Introducing Sociology, Understanding Society ● IGNOU: ESO-13 (Block-1), MSO-2 (Research Method) ● Reference Material: Haralambos and Holborn Sociology (Themes and Perspective) ● George Ritzer: Introduction to Sociology ● Current Affairs: Yojana Magazine (May) + EPW + DRISHTI Current Affairs Magazine
Test 2 (02SOC25)	19 January, 2025 (Sunday)	<p>Sociological Thinkers (Part-I)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Karl Marx - Historical Materialism, Mode of Production, Alienation, Class Struggle ● Emile Durkheim - Division of Labour, Social Fact, Suicide, Religion & Society ● Max Weber - Social Action, Ideal Types, Authority, Bureaucracy, Protestant Ethic & The Spirit of Capitalism 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Primary Material: ESO-13 (Block-2 to 5) ● Reference Material: Ritzer and Stepnisky (Sociology Theory) ● CEC UGC Videos ● Current Affairs: Yojana Magazine (June) + EPW + DRISHTI Current Affairs Magazine
Test 3 (03SOC25)	2 February, 2025 (Sunday)	<p>Sociological Thinkers (Part-II)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Talcott Parsons - Social System, Pattern Variables ● Robert K. Merton - Latent & Manifest Functions, Conformity & Deviance, Reference Groups ● GH Mead - Self & Identity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Primary Material: ESO-13 (Block-6 to 7) ● Reference Material: Ritzer and Stepnisky (Sociology Theory) ● CEC UGC Videos ● Current Affairs: Yojana Magazine (July) + EPW + DRISHTI Current Affairs Magazine



<p>Test 4 (04SOC25)</p>	<p>09 February, 2025 (Sunday)</p>	<p>Statification and mobility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Concepts - Equality, Inequality, Hierarchy, Exclusion, Poverty & Deprivation ● Theories of Social Stratification - Structural Functionalist Theory, Marxist Theory, Weberian Theory ● Dimensions - Social Stratification of Class, Status Groups, Gender, Ethnicity & Race ● Social Mobility - Open And Closed Systems, Types of Mobility, Sources & Causes Of Mobility <p>Politics and Society</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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 <p>Work and Economic Life</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Social Organization of Work In Different Types of Society- Slave Society, Feudal Society, Industrial/Capitalist Society ● Formal & Informal Organization of Work ● Labour & Society 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Primary Material: ESO-14 (Block-2 to 8), ESO-11 (Block-5), SOC-204 (JNU Study of Society) ● Reference Material: Sociology by Haralambos and Holborn ● CEC UGC Videos ● Current Affairs: Yojana Magazine (August) + EPW + DRISHTI Current Affairs Magazine
<p>Test 5 (05SOC25)</p>	<p>16 February, 2025 (Sunday)</p>	<p>Religion and Society</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sociological Theories Of Religion ● Types of Religious Practices - Animism, Monism, Pluralism, Sects, Cults ● Religion In Modern Society - Religion & Science, Secularization, Religious Revivalism, Fundamentalism <p>System of Kinship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Family, Household, Marriage ● Types & Forms of Family ● Lineage & Descent ● Patriarchy & Sexual Division of Labour ● Contemporary Trends 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Primary Material: ESO-15 (Religion and Society), ESO-11 & 12 [Unit-8 & 10] (Kinship), ESO-11 [Unit-33] (Social Change), MSO-003 (Theory of Development) ● Reference Material: Sociology by Haralambos and Holborn ● CEC UGC Videos ● Current Affairs: Yojana Magazine (September) + EPW + DRISHTI Current Affairs Magazine



		<p>Social change in modern society</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sociological Theories of Social Change ● Development & Dependency ● Agents of Social Change ● Education & Social Change ● Science, Technology & Social Change 	
<p>Test 6 (06SOC25)</p>	<p>2 March, 2025 (Sunday)</p>	<p>Perspective of study of Indian Society</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Indology (GS Ghurye) ● Structural Functionalism (M N Srinivas) ● Marxist Sociology (AR Desai) <p>Impact of colonial rule on Indian society</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Social Background of Indian Nationalism ● Modernization of Indian Tradition ● Protests & Movements During The Colonial Period ● Social Reforms <p>Social structure; rural and agrarian social structure only</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Idea of Indian village (village studies) ● Agrarian social structure – evolution of land tenure system and land reforms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Primary Material: MSO-4 ● Indological Thought by BK Nagla (Perspective of Study of Indian Society) ● Social Background of National Nationalism: AR Desai ● Modernization of Indian Tradition: Yogendra Singh ● Social Reforms by BL Grover ● Rural Sociology: Doshi and Jain (Rural and Agrarian Social Structure) ● Current Affairs: Yojana Magazine (October) + EPW + DRISHTI Current Affairs Magazine
<p>Test 7 (07SOC25)</p>	<p>9 March, 2025 (Sunday)</p>	<p>Caste System</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Perspectives On The Study of Caste Systems - GS Ghurye, MN Srinivas, Louis Dumont, Andre Beteille ● Features of Caste System ● Untouchability - Forms & Perspectives <p>Tribal Communities in India</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Definitional Problems ● Geographical Spread ● Colonial Policies And Tribes ● Issues of Integration and Autonomy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Primary Material: MSO-4 (Block-2) [Caste System], (Block-5) [Tribal Communities in India], (Block-8) [Social Class in India], (Block-3) [System of kinship in India] ● Reference: Indian Sociological Thought by BK Nagla ● Current Affairs: Yojana Magazine (November) + EPW + DRISHTI Current Affairs Magazine



		<p>Social Class in India</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Agrarian Class Structure ● Industrial Class Structure ● Middle Classes In India <p>System of Kinship in India</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lineage & Descent In India ● Types Of Kinship Systems ● Family & Marriage In India ● Household Dimensions Of The Family 	
Test 8 (08SOC25)	9 March, 2025 (Sunday)	<p>Religion and Indian Society</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Religious Communities In India ● Problems of Religious Minorities <p>Vision of social change in India</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Idea of Development Planning & Mixed Economy ● Constitution, Law & Social Change ● Education & Social Change <p>Rural and agrarian transformation in India</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Primary Material: ESO-15 (Religion in Society), MAN-001 (Vision of Social Change in India), ESO-14 (Rural and Agrarian Transformation in India), MSO-1 ● Reference: Contemporary India by Neera Chandhoke, Social Inequalities in India by KL Sharma, Doshi and Jain ● Current Affairs: Yojana Magazine (December) + EPW + DRISHTI Current Affairs Magazine
Test 9 (9SOC25)	23 March, 2025 (Sunday)	<p>Industrialisation and urbanisation in India</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Evolution of Modern Industry In India ● Growth of Urban Settlements In India ● Working Class - Structure, Growth, Class Mobilization ● Informal Sector, Child Labour ● Slums & Deprivation In Urban Areas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Primary Material: MSO-4 (BSOC 105 Block-1: Political Sociology), MSO-14 (Block-8), Urban Sociology (IGNOU Handbook) ● Reference: Politics in India by Paul Brass ● Current Affairs: Yojana Magazine (January) + EPW + DRISHTI Current Affairs Magazine



		<p>Politics and Indian Society</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Nation, Democracy & Citizenship ● Political Parties, Pressure Groups, Social & Political Elite ● Regionalism & Decentralization of Power ● Secularization <p>Social movement in Modern India</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Peasants & Farmers Movements ● Women's Movement ● Backward Classes & Dalit Movement ● Environmental Movements ● Ethnicity & Identity Movements 	
<p>Test 10 (10SOC25)</p>	<p>30 March, 2025 (Sunday)</p>	<p>Population Dynamics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Population Size, Growth, Composition & Distribution ● Components Of Population Growth - Birth, Death, Migration ● Population Policy And Family Planning ● Emerging Issues - Ageing, Sex Ratios, Child & Infant Mortality, Reproductive Health <p>Challenges of social transformation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Crisis Of Development - Displacement, Environmental Problems & Sustainability ● Poverty, Deprivation & Inequalities ● Violence Against Women ● Caste Conflicts ● Ethnic Conflicts, Communalism, Religious Revivalism ● Illiteracy & Disparities In Education 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Primary Material: MSO-3 (Population and Development), ESO-16 ● Reference: Women in India by Neera Desai ● Senses of India ● Facts from UN's Website ● Current Affairs: Yojana Magazine (Revision of May to January) + EPW + DRISHTI Current Affairs Magazine
<p>Test 11 (11SOC25)</p>	<p>08 June, 2025 (Sunday)</p>	<p>Revision of all the previous topics + Current based application of Paper-I</p>	<p>Revision of Paper-I + February Current Affairs</p>
<p>Test 12 (12SOC25)</p>	<p>22 June, 2025 (Sunday)</p>	<p>Revision of all the previous topics + Current based application of Paper-II</p>	<p>Revision of Paper-II + March Current Affairs</p>



Test 13 (13SOC25)	13 July, 2025 (Sunday)	Full Length Paper I	Full Length Paper I + April- May (Current Affairs)
Test 14 (14SOC25)		Full Length Paper II	Full Length Paper II + May- June (Current Affairs)
Test 15 (15SOC25)	27 July, 2025 (Sunday)	Full Length Paper I	Full Length Paper I + (Revision of Previous Months Current Affairs)
Test 16 (16SOC25)		Full Length Paper II	Full Length Paper II + (Revision of Previous Months Current Affairs)

UPSC (2024) & Drishti IAS Mains Test Series (Sociology Optional) Comparative Analysis

Paper I

Test Series (Code)	Question Code	Drishti IAS Test Series Question	UPSC Question Number	UPSC Question	Marks
04SOC24	2. (c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What is social mobility? Discuss various types of mobility. 	2. (c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What is social mobility? Critically examine the classification of 'closed' and 'open' models of social stratification. 	10
02SOC24	7. (b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Examine Max Weber's theory of Protestant ethics and spirit of capitalism. 	3. (b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describe the main idea of Max Weber's book, 'The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism' as a critique of Marxism. 	20
03SOC24	1. (c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explain the concept of Mead's I and Me. 	5. (b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explain G.H. Mead's idea of development of 'self' through the 'generalised other'. 	10
05SOC24	1. (b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Science and technology and social change 	5. (e)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Critically examine the roles of science and technology in social change. What is your opinion on their increasing trend in 'online' education and teaching? 	10
05SOC24	7. (a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss the factors responsible for changing the structure of joint families in modern societies. 	8. (a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Modern families have not just become nuclear and neo-local, but also filio-centric. How do you explain this trend? 	20



Paper II

Test Series (Code)	Question Code	Drishti IAS Test Series Question	UPSC Question Number	UPSC Question	Marks
05SOC24	3. (a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss various dimensions of kinship system. Also discuss the changing nature of kinship relations in the contemporary world. 	1. (d)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do you think that family bondings are being affected by the changing kinship patterns in India? Comment. 	10
06SOC24 16SOC24	2. (a) 8. (b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluate GS Ghurye's Indological approach to comprehend Indian society in a critical manner. Evaluate GS Ghurye's Indological approach to comprehend Indian society in a critical manner. 	2. (a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Differentiate between 'Western' and 'Indological' perspectives on the study of Indian society. Bring out the major aspects of G. S. Ghurye's contribution to 'Indological' approach. 	20
08SOC24 10SOC24 16SOC24	5. (a) 6. (c) 7. (a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluate the efficacy of law in fighting the violence against women in India. How government schemes such as Beti Bachao Beti Padhao help in empowering women? Violence against women in India is diverse, involving different dimensions and levels of harm. Comment by highlighting recent initiatives of the government of India to reduce this menace. 	3. (b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do you think that the constitutional provisions for women have led to their uplift? Give reasons for your answer 	20
03SOC24 05SOC24 11SOC24 11SOC24	5.(a) 4.(c) 5.(d) 7.(c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Write a note on importance of becoming self conscious. Education is a steering wheel of Social Change. Discuss. Latent function of education. Education is a steering wheel of Social Change. Discuss. 	3. (c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Education is a key to social development. Elucidate. 	10
07SOC24	3. (a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Untouchability is an evil which has hampered development of the country for a long time. Elaborate citing sociological perspective. 	4. (c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What are the different forms of untouchability still practised in India? Discuss with suitable illustrations. 	10
08SOC24 09SOC24 12SOC24 16SOC24	4. (c) 8. (b) 8. (b) 4. (a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the context of India's rapid urbanization, what are the critical challenges and opportunities for sustainable development? Analyse the reason for the backward class movement and its impact on power relation in society. Do you think that rapid urbanization and sustainable development do not go together? Justify your view. In the context of India's rapid urbanization, what are the critical challenges and opportunities for sustainable development? 	6. (b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What is sustainable development? How can sustainability be achieved in India where livelihood needs conflict with environmental protection? 	20



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06SOC24 07SOC24 08SOC24	3. (c) 4. (a) 7. (c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Comment upon the Agrarian social structure of India. ● Discuss the class analysis of agrarian societies in India. ● Write a short note on class structure in agrarian society in India. 	8. (b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Identify different forms of inequalities associated with agrarian social structure in India 	20
04SOC24 04SOC24	3. (b) 7. (a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pressure groups play a vital role in a democratic society. Discuss. ● Enumerate about different types of Pressure Groups and how Pressure Groups of India differ from that of Western Pressure Groups. 	8. (c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● What are pressure groups? Discuss their role in decision-making in democracy. 	10