



SOCIOLOGY OPTIONAL FOUNDATION/MENTORSHIP PROGRAM



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MENTOR & COACH
15+ YRS EXP

MODULES/SYLLABUS
TEST DETAILS

SOCIOLOGY PAPER-I

MODULE/SYLLABUS

PAPER I : FUNDAMENTALS OF SOCIOLOGY

Unit-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.

Unit-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.

Unit-3 : Research Methods and Analysis:

- Qualitative and quantitative methods.
- Techniques of data collection.
- Variables, sampling, hypothesis, reliability and validity.

Unit-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.

Unit-5 : Stratification and Mobility:

- Concepts- equality, inequality, hierarchy, exclusion, poverty and deprivation.
- Theories of social stratification- Structural functionalist theory, Marxist theory, Weberian theory.
- Dimensions – Social stratification of class, status groups, gender, ethnicity and race.
- Social mobility- open and closed systems, types of mobility, sources and causes of mobility.

Unit-6 : Work 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.

Unit-7 : 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.

Unit-8 : 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.

Unit-9 : Systems of Kinship:

- Family, household, marriage.
- Types and forms of family.
- Lineage and descent.
- Patriarchy and sexual division of labour.
- Contemporary trends.

Unit-10 : 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.

SOCIOLOGY PAPER-II

MODULE/SYLLABUS

Unit-11 : Introducing Indian Society:

(i) Perspectives on the study of Indian society:

- Indology (GS. Ghurye).
- Structural functionalism (M N Srinivas).
- Marxist sociology (AR Desai).

(ii) 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.

Unit-12 : Social Structure:

(i) Rural and Agrarian Social Structure:

- The idea of Indian village and village studies.
- Agrarian social structure - evolution of land tenure system, land reforms.

(ii) 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.

(iii) Tribal communities in India:

- Definitional problems.
- *Geographical spread.*
- *Colonial policies and tribes.*
- *Issues of integration & autonomy.*

(iv) Social Classes in India:

- Agrarian class structure.
- Industrial class structure.
- Middle classes in India.

(v) Systems of Kinship in India:

- Lineage and descent in India.
- Types of kinship systems.
- Family and marriage in India.
- Household dimensions of the family.
- Patriarchy, entitlements and sexual division of labour

(vi) Religion and Society:

- Religious communities in India.
- Problems of religious minorities.

Unit-13 : Social Changes in India:

(i) Visions of Social Change in India:

- Idea of development planning and mixed economy.
- Constitution, law and social change.
- Education and social change.

(ii) 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

(iii) 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.

(iv) Politics and Society:

- Nation, democracy and citizenship.
- Political parties, pressure groups , social and political elite.
- Regionalism and decentralization of power.
- Secularization

(v) Social Movements in Modern India:

- Peasants and farmers movements.
- Women's movement.
- Backward classes & Dalit movement.
- Environmental movements.
- Ethnicity and Identity movements.

(vi) 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.

(vii) 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.

RECOMMENDED REFERENCE BOOKS

PAPER-I

- Sociology - Anthony Giddens
- Sociology - Harlombos and Holborn
- Sociological Thought - Francis Abraham and John Henry Morgan
- Political Theory - O P Gauba

PAPER-II

- Social Change in India - M N Srinivas
- Modernization of Indian Tradition - Yogendra Singh
- Handbook of Indian Sociology - Veena Das
- Indian Society and Culture - Nadeem Hasnain
- Rural Sociology - Doshi and Jain
- Social Background of Indian Nationalism - A R Desai

TEST DETAILS (SECTIONAL & COMPREHENSIVE)

TEST SET 1-PAPER I

- Fundamental of Sociology
- Sociology as a science
- Research Method and Analysis
- Sociological Thinkers
- Stratification and Mobility

TEST SET 2-PAPER I

- Works and Economic Life
- Politics and society
- Religion and society
- Systems of Kinship
- Social change in Modern Society

TEST SET 3-PAPER II

- Perspective on the study of Indian society,
- Impact of colonial rule on Indian society
- Rural and agrarian social structure
- Caste system
- Tribal communities in India

TEST SET 4-PAPER II

- Social classes in India
- System Of kinship in India
- Family and marriage in India
- Religion and society
- Vision of social change in India
- Rural and agrarian transformation in India
- Industrialisation and Urbanization in India
- Politics and society
- Social Movements in India
- Population Dynamics
- Challenges of Social Transformation

Note- The above tests will be sub-divided into a total of 8 sectional tests

- **FULL SYLLABUS TEST 1-PAPER I**
- **FULL SYLLABUS TEST 2-PAPER I**
- **FULL SYLLABUS TEST 3-PAPER II**
- **FULL SYLLABUS TEST 4-PAPER II**