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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 1 (01SOC24)	17 December, 2023 (Sunday)	Sociology the Discipline Sociology as Science Research methods and Analysis	Paper I
Test 2 (02SOC24)	24 December, 2023 (Sunday)	Sociological Thinkers (Part-I)	Paper I
Test 3 (03SOC24)	31 December, 2023 (Sunday)	Sociological Thinkers (Part-II)	Paper I
Test 4 (04SOC24)	7 January, 2024 (Sunday)	Statification and mobility Politics and Society Work and Economic Life	Paper I
Test 5 (05SOC24)	14 January, 2024 (Sunday)	Religion and Society System of Kinship Social change in modern society	Paper I
Test 6 (06SOC24)	21 January, 2024 (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 7 (07SOC24)	28 January, 2024 (Sunday)	Caste System Tribal Communities in India Social Class in India System of Kinship in India	Paper II

Test No.	Date	Topic	Paper
Test 8 (08SOC24)	4 February, 2024 (Sunday)	Religion in Society Vision of social change in India Rural and agrarian transformation in India	Paper II
Test 9 (09SOC24)	11 February, 2024 (Sunday)	Industrialisation and urbanisation in India Politics and society Social movement in Modern India	Paper II
Test 10 (10SOC24)	18 February, 2024 (Sunday)	Population Dynamics Challenges of social transformation	Paper II
Test 11 (11SOC24)	9 June, 2024 (Sunday)	Revision of all the previous topics + current based application of Paper-I	Paper I
Test 12 (12SOC24)	16 June, 2024 (Sunday)	Revision of all the previous topics + current based application of Paper-II	Paper-II
Test 13 (13SOC24)	30 June, 2024 (Sunday)	Full Length Paper I	Paper-I
Test 14 (14SOC24)		Full Length Paper II	Paper-II
Test 15 (15SOC24)	14 July, 2024 (Sunday)	Full Length Paper I	Paper-I
Test 16 (16SOC24)		Full Length Paper II	Paper-II

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



Test Schedule

Test Code	Test Date	Subject	Source List
Test 1 (01SOC24)	17 December, 2023 (Sunday)	Sociology the Discipline <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 Sociology as Science <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 Research methods and Analysis <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 (02SOC24)	24 December, 2023 (Sunday)	Sociological Thinkers (Part-I) <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 (03SOC24)	31 December, 2023 (Sunday)	Sociological Thinkers (Part-II) <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



Test 4 (04SOC24)	7 January, 2024 (Sunday)	<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
Test 5 (05SOC24)	14 January, 2024 (Sunday)	<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

		Social change in modern society <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sociological Theories of Social Change ● Development & Dependency ● Agents of Social Change ● Education & Social Change ● Science, Technology & Social Change 	
Test 6 (06SOC24)	21 January, 2024 (Sunday)	Perspective of study of Indian Society <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Indology (GS Ghurye) ● Structural Functionalism (M N Srinivas) ● Marxist Sociology (AR Desai) Impact of colonial rule on Indian society <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Social Background of Indian Nationalism ● Modernization of Indian Tradition ● Protests & Movements During The Colonial Period ● Social Reforms Social structure; rural and agrarian social structure only <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
Test 7 (07SOC24)	28 January, 2024 (Sunday)	Caste System <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 Tribal Communities in India <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Definitional Problems ● Geographical Spread ● Colonial Policies And Tribes 	<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



		Social Class in India <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Agrarian Class Structure ● Industrial Class Structure ● Middle Classes In India System of Kinship in India <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 (08SOC24)	4 February, 2024 (Sunday)	Religion in Society <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Religious Communities In India ● Problems of Religious Minorities Vision of social change in India <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Idea of Development Planning & Mixed Economy ● Constitution, Law & Social Change ● Education & Social Change Rural and agrarian transformation in India <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 (9SOC24)	11 February, 2024 (Sunday)	Industrialisation and urbanisation in India <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

		Politics and society <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Nation, Democracy & Citizenship ● Political Parties, Pressure Groups, Social & Political Elite ● Regionalism & Decentralization of Power ● Secularization Social movement in Modern India <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Peasants & Farmers Movements ● Women's Movement ● Backward Classes & Dalit Movement ● Environmental Movements ● Ethnicity & Identity Movements 	
Test 10 (10SOC24)	18 February, 2024 (Sunday)	Population Dynamics <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 Challenges of social transformation <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
Test 11 (11SOC24)	9 June, 2024 (Sunday)	Revision of all the previous topics + Current based application of Paper-I	Revision of Paper-I + February Current Affairs
Test 12 (12SOC24)	16 June, 2024 (Sunday)	Revision of all the previous topics + Current based application of Paper-II	Revision of Paper-II + March Current Affairs



Test 13 (13SOC24)	30 June, 2024 (Sunday)	Full Length Paper I	Full Length Paper I + April (Current Affairs)
Test 14 (14SOC24)		Full Length Paper II	Full Length Paper II + May (Current Affairs)
Test 15 (15SOC24)	14 July, 2024 (Sunday)	Full Length Paper I	Full Length Paper I + June (Current Affairs)
Test 16 (16SOC24)		Full Length Paper II	Full Length Paper II + (Revision of Previous Months Current Affairs)

UPSC (2023) & Drishti IAS Mains Test Series (Sociology Optional) Comparative Analysis

Paper 1

Test Series (Code)	Question Code	Drishti IAS Test Series Question	UPSC Question Number	UPSC Question	Marks
01SOC23	6(b)	● “Technology is the key to understanding social change today”. Critically analyze.	8(c)	● Examine the role of science and technology in addressing age-old taboos and superstitions.	10
01SOC23	7(c)	● “Sociology and common sense share a complementary relationship” Comment.	4(a)	● Do you think that common sense is the starting point of social research? What are its advantages and limitations? Explain.	20
01SOC23	8(b)	● Discuss the relevance of feminist methodology in sociological research.	1(a)	● What is the distinctiveness of the feminist method of social research? Comment.	10
12SOC23	2(b)	● Mass media has always served as an agent of social change in society. Discuss.	7(b)	● Do you think that the social media has brought significant changes in the forms of protest? Argue your case.	20
05SOC23	1(b)	● Write a short note on participant observation.	6(c)	● What are the ethical issues that a researcher faces in making use of participant observation as a method of collecting data? Explain.	10
05SOC23	1(d)	● Discuss the various variables in Sociological Research.	2(c)	● What are variables? How do they facilitate research?	10

Paper 2

Test Series (Code)	Question Code	Drishti IAS Test Series Question	UPSC Question Number	UPSC Question	Marks
04SOC23 06SOC23	3(b) 1(e)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> According to A.R. Desai, British colonialism materially created India's Nationalism. Examine. Discuss A. R. Desai's understanding of Indian Nationalism. 	1(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Highlight the significant features of A.R. Desai's 'Dialectical Perspective' to study Indian Society. 	10
06SOC23	5(a) 8(a) 6(b) 6(c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide a brief historical background to the emergence of 'village studies' in India. The Indian village as depicted through the colonial perspective has been challenged through the work of some scholars. Discuss. Discuss the 'field-view' of the villages in India. "Indian Villages have been perceived as politically autonomous and economically self-sufficient". Comment. 	1(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> "The decade of 1950s was the golden period of village studies in Indian Sociology." Explain the statement. 	10
06SOC23	5(b) 5(c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Write a brief note on agrarian social structure. Discuss the land reforms and the changing agrarian relations. 	4(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explain the implications and the impact of globalization in situating the changing agrarian class structure in India. 	20
06SOC23	7(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explain the impact of land-reforms in India. 	1(e)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss the main features of Land Reforms in post-independence India. 	10
08SOC23	5(d)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Write a note on 'cultural pluralism' in multi-religious society like India. 	5(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Examine the concept of 'Cultural Pluralism' in the context of India's Unity in Diversity. 	10
09SOC23	7(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss the problems of elderly in India. What are the different perspectives to solve their problems? 	8(c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What is 'Ageing'? Discuss the major problems of aged people in India. 	10
12SOC23	7(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> "Draft National Curriculum Framework for School Education (NCFSE) seeks to restructure various aspects of the classroom, including choice of subjects, pattern of teaching, and assessment of students." Discuss the key aspects of National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. 	5(c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Highlight the salient features of the New Education Policy (NEP) 2020. 	10
11SOC23	7(e)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss the role of cooperatives in poverty alleviation in rural India. 	8(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss the challenges faced by the cooperative movements in India. Suggest measures to strengthen the movement at the grass-roots level. 	20
16SOC23	1(c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elaborate on Iravati karve's classification of regional kinship variations. 	3(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Define the concepts of 'Descent' and 'Alliance'. Differentiate between North Indian and South Indian Kinship systems with examples. 	10