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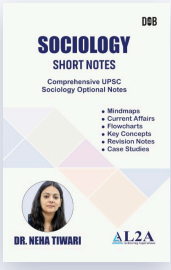
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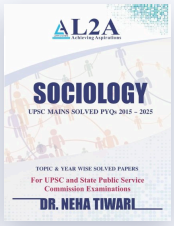
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DATE	TEST	PAPER	TOPIC	SYLLABUS UNITS
Sat 5 Dec 2026	1	Paper I	Sociology: The Discipline, Sociology as Science, and Research Methods & Analysis	1.1–1.3 · 2.1–2.5 · 3.1–3.3
Sat 12 Dec 2026	2	Paper I	Sociological Thinkers	4.1–4.6
Sat 19 Dec 2026	3	Paper I	Stratification & Mobility; Work & Economic Life	5.1–5.4 · 6.1–6.3
Sat 26 Dec 2026	4	Paper I	Politics & Society; Religion & Society	7.1–7.4 · 8.1–8.3
Sat 2 Jan 2027	5	Paper I	Systems of Kinship; Social Change in Modern Society	9.1–9.5 · 10.1–10.5
Sat 9 Jan 2027	6	Paper II	Indian Society: Structure & Changes	A: 1 (1.1–1.3), 2 (2.1–2.4)
Sat 16 Jan 2027	7	Paper II	Social Structure	B: 1–6 (1.1 to 6.2)
Sat 23 Jan 2027	8	Paper II	Social Changes in India	C: 1 (1.1–1.3), 2 (2.1–2.4), 3 (3.1–3.5)
Sat 30 Jan 2027	9	Paper II	Social Changes in India	C: 4 (4.1–4.4), 5 (5.1–5.5)
Sat 6 Feb 2027	10	Paper II	Social Changes in India	C: 6 (6.1–6.4), 7 (7.1–7.6)
Sat 13 Feb 2027	11	Full Paper I	Complete Paper I Syllabus	Complete Paper I syllabus
Sat 20 Feb 2027	12	Full Paper I	Complete Paper I Syllabus	Complete Paper I syllabus
Sat 27 Feb 2027	13	Full Paper II	Complete Paper II Syllabus	Complete Paper II syllabus
Sat 6 Mar 2027	14	Full Paper II	Complete Paper II Syllabus	Complete Paper II syllabus

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UPSC Sociology Syllabus

Optional subject · Papers I & II · as notified by UPSC

Sociology Paper I · Fundamentals of Sociology

Sociology - The Discipline

1.1 Modernity and social changes in Europe and emergence of Sociology.

1.2 Scope of the subject and comparison with other social sciences.

1.3 Sociology and common sense.

Sociology as Science

2.1 Science, scientific method, and critique.

2.2 Major theoretical strands of research methodology.

2.3 Positivism and its critique.

2.4 Fact value and objectivity.

2.5 Non-positivist methodologies.

Research Methods and Analysis

3.1 Qualitative and quantitative methods.

3.2 Techniques of data collection.

3.3 Variables, sampling, hypothesis, reliability, and validity.

Sociological Thinkers

4.1 Karl Marx - Historical materialism, mode of production, alienation, class struggle.

4.2 Emile Durkheim - Division of labour, social fact, suicide, religion and society.

4.3 Max Weber - Social action, ideal types, authority, bureaucracy, protestant ethic and the spirit of capitalism.

4.4 Talcott Parsons - Social system, pattern variables.

4.5 Robert K. Merton - Latent and manifest functions, conformity and deviance, reference groups.

4.6 Mead - Self and identity

Stratification and Mobility

5.1 Concepts - equality, inequality, hierarchy, exclusion, poverty, and deprivation.

5.2 Theories of social stratification - Structural functionalist theory, Marxist theory, Weberian theory.

5.3 Dimensions - Social stratification of class, status groups, gender, ethnicity and race.

5.4 Social mobility - open and closed systems, types of mobility, sources and causes of mobility.

Works and Economic Life

6.1 Social organization of work in different types of society - slave society, feudal society, industrial capitalist society.

6.2 Formal and informal organization of work.

6.3 Labour and society.

Politics and Society

7.1 Sociological theories of power.

7.2 Power elite, bureaucracy, pressure groups and political parties.

7.3 Nation, state, citizenship, democracy, civil society, ideology.

7.4 Protest, agitation, social movements, collective action, revolution.

Religion and Society

8.1 Sociological theories of religion.

8.2 Types of religious practices: animism, monism, pluralism, sects, cults.

8.3 Religion in modern society: religion and science, secularization, religious revivalism, fundamentalism.

Systems of Kinship

9.1 Family, household, marriage.

9.2 Types and forms of family.

9.3 Lineage and descent.

9.4 Patriarchy and sexual division of labour.

9.5 Contemporary trends.

Social Change in Modern Society

10.1 Sociological theories of social change.

10.2 Development and dependency.

10.3 Agents of social change.

10.4 Education and social change.

10.5 Science, technology, and social change.

Sociology Paper II · Indian Society: Structure and Change

A. Introducing Indian Society

Perspectives on the Study of Indian Society

1.1 Indology (G.S. Ghurye).

1.2 Structural functionalism (M. N. Srinivas).

1.3 Marxist sociology (A. R. Desai).

Impact of colonial rule on Indian society

2.1 Social background of Indian nationalism.

2.2 Modernization of Indian tradition.

2.3 Protests and movements during the colonial period.

2.4 Social reforms.

B. Social Structure

Rural and Agrarian Social Structure

1.1 The idea of Indian village and village studies

UPSC Sociology Syllabus (continued)

Optional subject · Papers I & II · as notified by UPSC

1.2 Agrarian social structure— evolution of land tenure system, land reforms.

Caste System

2.1 Perspectives on the study of caste systems: G. S. Ghurye, M. N. Srinivas, Louis Dumont, Andre Beteille.

2.2 Features of caste system.

2.3 Untouchability-forms and perspectives

Tribal Communities in India

3.1 Definitional problems.

3.2 Geographical spread.

3.3 Colonial policies and tribes.

3.4 Issues of integration and autonomy.

Social Classes in India

4.1 Agrarian class structure.

4.2 Industrial class structure.

4.3 Middle classes in India.

Systems of Kinship in India

5.1 Lineage and descent in India.

5.2 Types of kinship systems.

5.3 Family and marriage in India.

5.4 Household dimensions of the family.

5.5 Patriarchy, entitlements, and sexual division of labour.

Religion and Society

6.1 Religious communities in India.

6.2 Problems of religious minorities.

C. Social Changes in India

Visions of Social Change in India

1.1 Idea of development planning and mixed economy.

1.2 Constitution, law, and social change.

1.3 Education and social change.

Rural and Agrarian Transformation in India

2.1 Programmes of rural development, Community Development Programme, cooperatives, poverty alleviation schemes.

2.2 Green revolution and social change.

2.3 Changing modes of production in Indian agriculture.

2.4 Problems of rural labour, bondage, migration.

Industrialization and Urbanisation in India

3.1 Evolution of modern industry in India.

3.2 Growth of urban settlements in India.

3.3 Working class: structure, growth, class mobilization.

3.4 Informal sector, child labour.

3.5 Slums and deprivation in urban areas.

Politics and Society

4.1 Nation, democracy and citizenship.

4.2 Political parties, pressure groups, social and political elite.

4.3 Regionalism and decentralization of power.

4.4 Secularization.

Social Movements in Modern India

5.1 Peasants and farmers' movements.

5.2 Women's movement.

5.3 Backward classes & Dalit movements.

5.4 Environmental movements.

5.5 Ethnicity and Identity movements.

Population Dynamics

6.1 Population size, growth, composition and distribution.

6.2 Components of population growth: birth, death, migration.

6.3 Population Policy and family planning.

6.4 Emerging issues: ageing, sex ratios, child and infant mortality, reproductive health.

Challenges of Social Transformation

7.1 Crisis of development: displacement, environmental problems and sustainability.

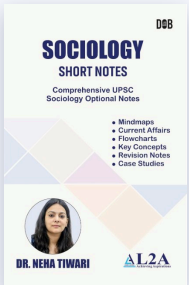
7.2 Poverty, deprivation and inequalities.

7.3 Violence against women.

7.4 Caste conflicts.

7.5 Ethnic conflicts, communalism, religious revivalism.

7.6 Illiteracy and disparities in education.



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