

SOCIOLOGY

TEST BATCH - 2026

Online / Offline

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TEST - I

Unit-I Sociology As A Discipline Unit II - Sociology as Science

- a. Modernity and social changes in Europe and emergence of Sociology.
- Scope of the subject and comparison with other social sciences.
- c. Sociology and common sense
- a. Science, Scientific methods and critique.
- b. Major theoretical strands of research methodology

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- c. Positivism and its critique.
- d. Fact value and objectivity.
- e. Non-positivist methodology.

TEST - 2

Unit IV - Sociological Thinkers

Unit VI - Works and Economic Life

DATE: 28.10.2025

(A) KARL MARX

Historical materialism Mode of production

Alienation Class struggle.

- Social organization of work in different types of society slave society, feudal society, industrial capitalist society.
- b. Formal and informal organization of work.
- c. Labour and society.

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Unit IV - Sociological Thinkers

(B) EMILE DURKHEIM

Division of labour, social fact, suicide, religion and society.

DATE: **04.11.2025**Unit VIII - 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.

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Unit-IV Sociological Thinkers

(C) MAX WEBER

Social action, Ideal types, Authority, Bureaucracy, Protestant ethic and the spirit of capitalism.

Unit-VII Politics and Society

- a. Sociological theories of power.
- b. Power elite, bureaucracy, pressure groups and political parties.
- c. Nation, state, citizenship, democracy, civil society, ideology.
- d. Protest, agitation, social movements, collective action, revolution.

TEST -5

DATE: 18.11.2025

DATE: 11.11.2025

Unit-IV Sociological Thinkers

(D) TALCOLTT PARSONS

Social system, Pattern variables.

Unit-IX Systems of Kinship

- a. Family, household, marriage.
- b. Types and forms of family.
- c. Lineage and descent.
- d. Patriarchy and sexual division of labour.
- e. Contemporary trends.

TEST -6

DATE: 02.12.2025

Unit-IV(e) Sociological Thinkers

(E) ROBERT K. MERTON

Latent and manifest functions, Conformity and deviance, Reference groups

Unit-V 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.

TEST -7

DATE:16.12.2025

Unit-IV Sociological Thinkers

(F) MEAD - Self and identity.

Unit-X Social Change in Modern Society

- a. Sociological theories of social change.
- b. Development and dependency.
- c. Agents of social change.
- d. Education and social change.
- e. Science, technology, and social change.

Unit-III Research Methods and Analysis

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

TEST -8 DATE:30.12.2025

A. Introducing Indian Society

I. PERSPECTIVES ON THE STUDY OF INDIAN SOCIETY:

- a. Indology (G.S. Ghure).
- b. Structural functionalism (M. N. Srinivas).
- c. Marxist sociology (A. R. 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.
- d. Social reforms.

B. Social Structure

I.RURAL AND AGRARIAN SOCIAL STRUCTURE:

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

TEST -9 DATE:06.01.2026

B. Social Structure:

II. CASTE SYSTEM:

- Perspectives on the study of caste systems:
- b. G.S.Ghurye, M.N.Srinivas,Louis Dumont, Andre Beteille.
- c. Features of caste system.
- d. Untouchability-forms and perspectives

III. TRIBAL COMMUNITIES IN INDIA:

- a. Definitional problems.
- b. Geographical spread.
- c. Colonial policies and tribes.
- d. Issues of integration and autonomy.

IV. SOCIAL CLASSES IN INDIA:

- a. Agrarian class structure.
- b. Industrial class structure.
- c. Middle classes in India.

TEST -10 DATE:21.01.2026

B. Social Structure:

V. SYSTEMS OF KINSHIP IN INDIA:

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

VI. RELIGION AND SOCIETY:

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

C. Social Changes in India:

- I. VISIONS OF SOCIAL CHANGE IN INDIA:
 a. Idea of development planning and mixed economy.
- b. Constitution, law, and social change.
- c. Education and social change.

TEST -11 DATE:27.01.2026

C. Social Changes in India:

II. RURAL AND AGRARIAN TRANSFORMATION IN INDIA:

- a. Programmes of rural development,
 Community Development Programme,
 cooperatives, poverty alleviation schemes.
- b. Green revolution and social change.
- Changing modes of production in Indian agriculture.
- d. Problems of rural labour, bondage, migration.

III. INDUSTRIALIZATION AND URBANISATION IN INDIA:

- a. Evolution of modern industry in India.
- b. Growth of urban settlements in India.
- c. Working class: structure, growth, class mobilization.
- d. Informal sector, child labour.
- e. Slums and deprivation in urban areas.

IV. POLITICS AND SOCIETY:

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

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C. Social Changes in India:

V. SOCIAL MOVEMENTS IN MODERN INDIA:

- a. Peasants and farmers' movements.
- b. Women's movement.
- c. Backward classes & Dalit movements.
- d. Environmental movements.
- e. Ethnicity and Identity movements.

VI. POPULATION DYNAMICS:

- a. Population size, growth, composition and distribution.
- b. Components of population growth: birth, death, migration.
- c. Population Policy and family planning.
- d. Emerging issues: ageing, sex ratios, child and infant mortality, reproductive health.

VII. CHALLENGES OF SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION:

DATE: **03.02.2026**

- a. Crisis of development: displacement,
- environmental problems and sustainability.
- b. Poverty, deprivation and inequalities.
- c. Violence against women.
- d.Caste conflicts.
- e. Ethnic conflicts, communalism, religious revivalism.
- f. Illiteracy and disparities in education.

TEST -14

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

PHASE I TEST

Offline:

- Test Timing :1.30 p.m. to 3.00 p.m
- Recorded Test Discussion Link will be sent Via Telegram
- Candidates can reschedule the test based on their convenience, However Phase I must be completed on or before 28/02/2026.

Online:

- Test question paper, answer sheet, Test Discussion Video will be sent via telegram channel at 2 pm on the scheduled date of every test.
- Candidates can reschedule the test based on their convenience, However Phase I must be completed on or before 28/02/2026.
- Students will receive the Question paper, Answer booklet, Discussion video, Pointers only Via test batch Telegram Channel.
- The answer script must be mailed only to sivarajavelsociology@gmail.com
- Evaluated answer scripts will be provided within **7 working days** from the date of receipt of the answer scripts. Candidates are required to submit one answer script at a time.
- · They shall submit their next answer script only after the evaluation of their first answer script.
- Offline/Online Individual assessment and feedback will be provided by **Mr.S.SIVARAJAVEL** through appoinment .
- Smart leaders IAS reserves all rights to make any changes in test series schedule, if need arises so. Fee once paid is non-refundable and non-transferable in any circumstances.





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