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OPTIONAL TEST SERIES for MAINS 2022

SOCIOLOGY

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The rationale behind this test series schedule is to provide adequate emphasis in order to maximise the efficiency of the candidate. The modus operandi is:

TESTS

- **10 Tests** (8 Sectional + 2 FLT's)
- Course is available in both **Offline & Online**.
- All tests would be released on alternate Saturdays, at 9:30 AM.
- **Last Date of Test submission 1st September**
- Sample answers would be released / available after the tests.
- The test discussions shall be both online and offline in live class mode. These shall be interactive classes for the discussion of answers as well as addition to content.
- The test discussions shall be held approximately 5-7 days after the submission of all the test papers.

QIP CLASSES

- All tests will be followed by **Offline / Live Online Discussions** for better concept clarity and enrichment.
- Further, classes will also be conducted to cover evolving Themes important for this year's Mains.
- Class Videos will be available till Mains 2022.

Read, Relate & Write at your own convenient time.

TEST	MAJOR TOPICS	SYLLABUS TO BE COVERED UNDER THE TOPIC
Thematic Test-1 25/06/2022 (Sat)	Paper-1: Units 1,2,3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sociology: The discipline • Sociology as Science • Research Methods and Analysis
Thematic Test-2 02/07/2022 (Sat)	Paper – I Unit 4	Sociological Thinkers
Thematic Test-3 09/07/2022 (Sat)	Paper – I Units 5,6,7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stratification and Mobility • Work and Economic Life • Politics and Society

Thematic Test-4 16/07/2022 (Sat)	Paper - I Units 8,9,10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Religion and Society • Systems of Kinship • Social Change in modern society
FLT Test-5 23/07/2022 (Sat)	FLT Paper-I	Covering all the Topics of Paper - I
Thematic Test-6 30/07/2022 (Sat)	Paper - II Part-A, Part-B: Unit 1,2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introducing Indian Society • Social Structure: Rural and Agrarian social structure; Caste System
Thematic Test - 7 06/08/2022 (Sat)	Paper-II Part-B: Units 3,4,5,6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tribal Communities in India • Social Classes in India • Systems of Kinship in India • Religion and society
Thematic Test-8 13/08/2022 (Sat)	Paper-II Part-C: Units 1, 2, 3, 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Changes in India: Visions of social change India; • Rural and agrarian transformation in India • Industrialization and urbanization in India • Politics and society
Thematic Test-9 20/08/2022 (Sat)	Paper-II Part-C: Units 5,6,7	Social Movements in modern India Population Dynamics Challenges of social transformation
FLT Test-10 27/08/2022 (Sat)	FLT Paper-II	Covering all the Topics of Paper - II

INTERPRETATION OF DIFFERENT "WORDS" USED IN QUESTIONS

1.	Account for	: Give reasons
2.	Account of	: Focus on description
3.	Assess	: Establish the strengths and weaknesses of the features mentioned.
4.	Comment	: Write your view point or description based on your observations.
5.	Compare	: Present the similarities and differences between the features mentioned.
6.	Discuss	: Present a thorough analysis of the question by examining all sides of the arguments.
7.	Distinguish between	: Draw clear distinctions between the features mentioned.
8.	Elucidate	: Clarify/explain probably what is obscure or different.
9.	Evaluate/Critically Evaluate/Review	: Present a judgement as to the relative value of the features mentioned.
10.	Examine/ Critically examine	State clearly the pros and cons of the issue raised. Your final decision must be supported by evidence and the reasons why you have rejected alternatives explained.
11.	Explain	: Give reasons.
12.	Highlight	: Focus on important features/points
13.	Illustrate	: Focus on examples including the data.
14.	Interpret	Present an explanation of the facts, Facts are mere inputs and can be comprehended differently. And marks depend on how differently you comprehend.
15.	Role	: Focus on the contribution and conclude with your analytical view point.
16.	Significance/Importance	: Focus on the importance, contribution and consequences with greater focus on positive aspects.
17.	To what extent	: Weigh up the arguments and state the relative importance of the feature mentioned.
18.	Trace	: An outline of what has been asked in the given question with focus on its evolution.