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## TARGET MAINS 2023 (SOCIOLOGY)

# SOCIOLOGY

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### Target Mains Sociology 2023 Features:

- 8 Tests: 4 Sectional Tests (28 Questions Each) and 4 Full Length Tests
- Course is available in both **Offline & Online**.
- Sample answers would be released / available after the tests.
- Evaluated copies will be uploaded in students e-learn account with in 10/12 days of paper submission.
- Timely quality evaluation and feedback mechanism.
- Thorough Test discussion and doubt solving sessions with Vikram Kaushal Sir.
- Well-structured model answers on the lines of the demand of the question (no synopsis) to explain the structuring.
- Updated materials on important topics in news.

### 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.

**FEE** – INR 15,000/- (25% discount for former students)

The schedule of the tests & the discussions is given below:

TEST	PAPER & PART	SYLLABUS TO BE COVERED UNDER TESTS
Test-1 01-07-2023	PAPER-I (UNITS - 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Sociology - The Discipline:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Modernity and social changes in Europe and emergence of sociology.</li> <li>Scope of the subject and comparison with other social sciences.</li> <li>Sociology and common sense.</li> </ol> </li> <li><b>Sociology as Science:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Science, scientific method and critique.</li> <li>Major theoretical strands of research methodology.</li> <li>Positivism and its critique.</li> <li>Fact value and objectivity.</li> <li>Non-positivist methodologies.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>

		<p><b>3. Research Methods and Analysis:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Qualitative and quantitative methods.</li> <li>(b) Techniques of data collection.</li> <li>(c) Variables, sampling, hypothesis, reliability and validity.</li> </ul> <p><b>4. Sociological Thinkers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Karl Marx - Historical materialism, mode of production, alienation, class struggle.</li> <li>(b) Emile Durkheim-Division of labour, social fact, suicide, religion and society.</li> <li>(c) Max Weber - Social action, ideal types, authority, bureaucracy, protestant ethic and the spirit of capitalism.</li> <li>(d) Talcott Parsons - Social system, pattern variables.</li> <li>(e) Robert K. Merton - Latent and manifest functions, conformity and deviance, reference groups.</li> <li>(f) Mead - Self and identity.</li> </ul> <p><b>5. Stratification and Mobility:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Concepts-equality, inequality, hierarchy, exclusion, poverty and deprivation.</li> <li>(b) Theories of social stratification - Structural functionalist theory, Marxist theory, Weberian theory.</li> <li>(c) Dimensions – Social stratification of class, status groups, gender, ethnicity and race.</li> <li>(d) Social mobility – open and closed systems, types of mobility, sources and causes of mobility.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Test-2</b> <b>08-07-2023</b></p>	<p><b>PAPER-I</b> <b>(UNITS – 6)</b></p>	<p><b>6. Works and Economic Life:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Social organization of work in different types of society - slave society, feudal society, industrial /capitalist society.</li> <li>(b) Formal and informal organization of work.</li> <li>(c) Labour and society.</li> </ul> <p><b>7. Politics and Society:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Sociological theories of power.</li> <li>(b) Power elite, bureaucracy, pressure groups, and political parties.</li> <li>(c) Nation, state, citizenship, democracy, civil society, ideology.</li> <li>(d) Protest, agitation, social movements, collective action, revolution.</li> </ul> <p><b>8. Religion and Society:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Sociological theories of religion.</li> <li>(b) Types of religious practices: animism, monism, pluralism, sects, cults.</li> <li>(c) Religion in modern society: religion and science, secularization, religious revivalism, fundamentalism.</li> </ul>

		<p><b>9. Systems of Kinship:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Family, household, marriage.</li> <li>(b) Types and forms of family.</li> <li>(c) Lineage and descent.</li> <li>(d) Patriarchy and sexual division of labour.</li> <li>(e) Contemporary trends.</li> </ul> <p><b>10. Social Change in Modern Society:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Sociological theories of social change.</li> <li>(b) Development and dependency.</li> <li>(c) Agents of social change.</li> <li>(d) Education and social change.</li> <li>(e) Science, technology and social change.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Test-3</b> <b>15-07-2023</b></p>	<p><b>PAPER-II</b> <b>(PART-A)</b> <b>(PART-B)</b> <b>(UNITS -1, 2, 3, 4)</b></p>	<p><b>A. Introducing Indian Society:</b></p> <p><b>(i) Perspectives on the study of Indian society</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Indology (GS. Ghurye).</li> <li>(b) Structural functionalism (M N Srinivas).</li> <li>(c) Marxist sociology (A R Desai).</li> </ul> <p><b>(ii) Impact of colonial rule on Indian society</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Social background of Indian nationalism.</li> <li>(b) Modernization of Indian tradition.</li> <li>(c) Protests and movements during the colonial period. d) Social reforms.</li> </ul> <p><b>B. Social Structure:</b></p> <p><b>(i) Rural and Agrarian Social Structure</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) The idea of Indian village and village studies.</li> <li>(b) Agrarian social structure - evolution of land tenure system, land reforms.</li> </ul> <p><b>(ii) Caste System</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Perspectives on the study of caste systems: GS Ghurye, M N Srinivas, Louis Dumont, Andre Beteille.</li> <li>(b) Features of caste system.</li> <li>(c) Untouchability - forms and perspectives.</li> </ul> <p><b>(iii) Tribal communities in India</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Definitional problems.</li> <li>(b) Geographical spread.</li> <li>(c) Colonial policies and tribes.</li> <li>(d) Issues of integration and autonomy.</li> </ul>

		<p><b>(iv) Social Classes in India</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Agrarian class structure.</li> <li>(b) Industrial class structure.</li> <li>(c) Middle classes in India.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Test-4</b> <b>22-07-2023</b></p>	<p><b>PAPER-II</b> <b>(PART-B)</b> <b>(UNITS - 5, 6)</b> <b>(PART - C)</b> <b>(UNITS - 1, 2,</b> <b>3, 4, 5, 6, 7)</b></p>	<p><b>(v) Systems of Kinship in India</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Lineage and descent in India.</li> <li>(b) Types of kinship systems.</li> <li>(c) Family and marriage in India.</li> <li>(d) Household dimensions of the family.</li> </ul> <p><b>(vi) Religion and Society</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Religious communities in India.</li> <li>(b) Problems of religious minorities.</li> </ul> <p><b>C. Social Changes in India:</b></p> <p><b>(i) Visions of Social Change in India</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Idea of development planning and mixed economy.</li> <li>(b) Constitution, law and social change.</li> <li>(c) Education and social change.</li> </ul> <p><b>(ii) Rural and Agrarian transformation in India</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Programmes of rural development, Community Development Programme, cooperatives, poverty alleviation schemes.</li> <li>(b) Green revolution and social change.</li> <li>(c) Changing modes of production in Indian agriculture.</li> <li>(d) Problems of rural labour, bondage, migration.</li> </ul> <p><b>(iii) Industrialization and Urbanization in India</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Evolution of modern industry in India.</li> <li>(b) Growth of urban settlements in India.</li> <li>(c) Working class: structure, growth, class mobilization.</li> <li>(d) Informal sector, child labour.</li> <li>(e) Slums and deprivation in urban areas.</li> </ul> <p><b>(iv) Politics and Society</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Nation, democracy and citizenship.</li> <li>(b) Political parties, pressure groups, social and political elite.</li> <li>(c) Regionalism and decentralization of power.</li> <li>(d) Secularization</li> </ul> <p><b>(v) Social Movements in Modern India</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Peasants and farmers movements.</li> <li>(b) Women's movement.</li> </ul>

		<p>(c) Backward classes &amp; Dalit movement.</p> <p>(d) Environmental movements.</p> <p>(e) Ethnicity and Identity movements.</p> <p><b>(vi) Population Dynamics</b></p> <p>(a) Population size, growth, composition and distribution.</p> <p>(b) Components of population growth: birth, death, migration.</p> <p>(c) Population policy and family planning.</p> <p>(d) Emerging issues: ageing, sex ratios, child and infant mortality, reproductive health.</p> <p><b>(vii) Challenges of Social Transformation</b></p> <p>(a) Crisis of development: displacement, environmental problems and sustainability.</p> <p>(b) Poverty, deprivation and inequalities.</p> <p>(c) Violence against women.</p> <p>(d) Caste conflicts.</p> <p>(e) Ethnic conflicts, communalism, religious revivalism.</p> <p>(f) Illiteracy and disparities in education.</p>
<b>Test-5</b> 29-07-2023	<b>PAPER-I</b>	<b>Entire syllabus of paper-I</b>
<b>Test-6</b> 05-08-2023	<b>PAPER-II</b>	<b>Entire syllabus of paper-II</b>
<b>Test-7</b> 12-08-2023	<b>PAPER-I</b>	<b>Entire syllabus of paper-I</b>
<b>Test-8</b> 19-08-2023	<b>PAPER-II</b>	<b>Entire syllabus of paper-II</b>