



SOCIOLOGY

OPTIONAL 2026

JUNE BATCH

**Live Classes &
test series**



By - Divakar Bothra

Senior Faculty - Sociology



5th June' 25



12:00 PM

Study Iq is introducing a comprehensive Sociology Optional Course cum Test Series Programme. The objective of this course is to help students understand the subject matter more conceptually as well as to impart answer writing skills to the students.

Sociology Optional Batch 2025

It is said that Optional determines the destiny of UPSC journey. It is the most important weapon to conquer this exam. To get into the final list, one must ace the optionals.

Let's start with understanding the Merits of Sociology optional.

01

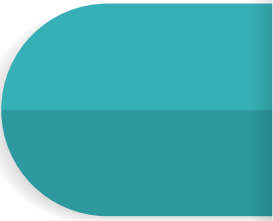
Sociology is one of the most sought after optional subject with more than 20+ toppers within top 50 in last 5 years.

Easy to score well- Sociology optional can fetch average of 270 marks even 310-320 in many cases.

02

03

Wide application of concepts in Essay paper, GS-1 Society, GS-2,3 and Ethics paper.

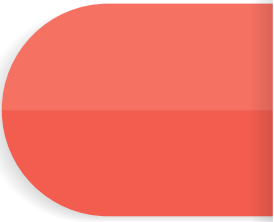


**Can be easily
prepared in 4-5 months of
regular study.**

04

05

**The questions asked in exam
are mostly direct without too
much element of surprise.**



**No prior background of the
subject is required making it
ideal for any aspirant**

06

07

**Comprehensive course coverage
with special focus in Current
affairs and it's application in the
paper based on the
current trend.**



**Taught by an expert faculty
having 10+ years of
experience.**

08

Features

Gold

Platinum



400+ hours of live lectures spread over 6 months



Live Doubt Clearing Sessions with Faculty



Recorded Lectures & Hand written Notes and Crux



Comprehensive Coverage of Every Topic with PYQ Discussion



Current affairs to keep the aspirants updated



Regular answer writing sessions with evaluation



One to one Mentorship 24*7



Mains Test Series (Sectional & Full Length Test)



Optional Gyan Bhandar



Weekly Doubt Clearing Sessions with Faculty



Validity

18 Months

30 Months

Orientation sessions are conducted at 11 AM initially after the start of the batch, for a few days. This is to make the students adapt to the subject. Candidates will be informed about the same.

Crux material and Hand written notes will be provided in English only.



STUDY PLAN

| DATE | PAPER | CHAPTER | SUB TOPICS |
|--------------|-----------|----------------------------|--|
| 5th June '25 | | | Orientation |
| 5th June '25 | PAPER – 2 | Village | <ul style="list-style-type: none">. The idea of Indian Village. Evolution of Land tenure system, Land reforms |
| 1st Jul '25 | PAPER – 2 | Caste System | <ul style="list-style-type: none">. Perspectives on the study of caste systems: GS Ghurye, M N Srinivas, Louis Dumont, Andre Beteille.. Features of caste system.. Untouchability – forms and perspectives. |
| 12th Jul '25 | PAPER – 2 | Tribe | <ul style="list-style-type: none">. Definitional Problems. Geographical Spread. Colonial policies and tribes. Issues of integration and autonomy |
| 19th Jul '25 | PAPER – 2 | Social classes in India | <ul style="list-style-type: none">. Agrarian class structure. Industrial class structure. Middle class structure |
| 2nd Aug '25 | PAPER – 2 | System of Kinship in India | <ul style="list-style-type: none">. Lineage and Descent. Types of kinship systems.. Family and marriage in India.. Household dimensions of the family.. Patriarchy, entitlements and sexual division of labour |
| 9th Aug '25 | PAPER – 2 | Religion and Society | <ul style="list-style-type: none">. Religious communities in India. Problems of religious minorities |
| | | | |


| DATE | PAPER | CHAPTER | SUB TOPICS |
|---------------|-----------|---|---|
| 18th Aug '25 | PAPER – 2 | Social Change in India | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Idea of development planning and mixed economy. . Constitution, law and social change. . Education and social change. |
| 25th Aug '25 | PAPER – 2 | 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 |
| 2nd Sept '25 | PAPER – 2 | 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 and deprivation in urban areas. |
| 9th Sept '25 | PAPER – 2 | Politics and Society | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Nation, democracy and citizenship. . Political parties, pressure groups , social and political elite. . Regionalism and decentralization of power. . Secularization |
| 15th Sept '25 | PAPER – 2 | Social Movements in India | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Peasants and farmers movements. . Women’s movement. . Backward classes & Dalit movement. . Environmental movements. . Ethnicity and Identity movements. |
| | | | |

| DATE | PAPER | CHAPTER | SUB TOPICS |
|---------------|-----------|--|---|
| 24th Sept '25 | PAPER – 2 | Population Dynamics | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Population size, growth, composition and distribution. . Components of population growth: birth, death, migration. . Population policy and family planning. . Emerging issues: ageing, sex ratios, child and infant mortality, reproductive health. |
| 3rd Oct '25 | PAPER – 2 | Challenges of Social Transformations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> .Crisis of development: displacement, environmental problems and sustainability. . Poverty, deprivation and inequalities. . Violence against women. . Caste conflicts. . Ethnic conflicts, communalism, religious revivalism. . Illiteracy and disparities in education. |
| 13th Oct '25 | PAPER – 1 | Sociology – The Discipline | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Modernity and Social change in Europe . Scope of the subject and comparison . Sociology and common sense |
| 24th Oct '25 | PAPER – 1 | Sociology as Science | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Science, scientific method and critique . Major theoretical strands of research methodology . Positivism and its critique . Fact value and objectivity . Non– positivist methodologies |
| 30th Oct '25 | PAPER – 1 | Research Methods and Analysis | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Qualitative and quantitative methods . Techniques of data collection . Variables, Sampling, Hypothesis, Reliability and Validity |
| 6th Nov '25 | PAPER – 1 | Sociological Thinkers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Karl Marx – Historical materialism, MOP, Class and class conflict, Alienation . Emile Durkheim – DOL, Social fact , Suicide, Religion . Max Weber – Social action, Ideal types, Authority, Bureaucracy , PE&SC . Talcotl Parsons – Social syatem, Pattern variables . Robert Merton – Latent & Manifest, Conformity and Deviance, Reference Group . Mead – Self and Identity |
| 13th Nov '25 | PAPER – 1 | Stratification and Mobility | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Concepts – Equality, Inequality, Hierarchy, Exclusion, Poverty and Deprivation . Theories of Stratification – Structural functionalist theory, Marxist theory, Weberian theory . Dimension – Social stratification of class, Status groups, Gender, Ethnicity and Race . Social Mobility – Open and Closed system, Types of social mobility, Sources and causes of mobility |
| 21th Nov '25 | PAPER – 1 | Work and Economic Life | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Social organization of work in different types of society– slave society, feudal society, industrial /capitalist society. . Formal and informal organization of work. .Labour and society |
| 28th Nov '25 | PAPER – 1 | Politics and Society | <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. |
| 3rd Dec '25 | PAPER – 1 | Religion and Society | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Sociological theories of Religion. . Types of religious practices: animism, monism, pluralism, sects, cults. . Religion in modern society: religion and science, secularization, religious revivalism, fundamentalism. |
| | | System of Kinship | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Family, Household, Marriage. . Types and forms of family. . Lineage and descent . . Patriarchy and sexual division of labour. . Contemporary trends. |
| 14th Dec '25 | PAPER – 1 | Social change in Modern society | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Sociological theories of social change. . Development and dependency. . Agents of social change. . Education and social change. . Science, technology and social change. |
| 20th Dec '25 | PAPER – 1 | Perspectives on the study of Indian society: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Indology (Ghurye) . Structural Functionalism (Srinivas) . Marist Sociology (Desai) |
| 29th Dec '25 | PAPER – 1 | Impact of Colonial Rule | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Social background of Indian nationalism . Modernisation of Indian tradition . Protestand movements during colonialperiod . Social reforms |

* Please note that this is a tentative schedule of the batch and the dates may vary.

Sociology Test Series

Features of the Test Series:

- 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.
 - There will be a total of 12 tests. 10 Sectional tests (5 tests from Paper 1 and 5 tests from Paper 2) and 2 full-length papers. Medium of the language used will be English.
 - The evaluation of papers will be done in 4-5 days after the student uploads the paper.
 - Discussion of each paper would be done thoroughly.
 - Synopsis of each test will be provided after the student attempts the paper.
 - Previous Year Questions and high-yielding topics would be covered comprehensively.
- 

TIME TABLE

| TEST NO. | TOPICS |
|-------------------|---|
| Sectional Test 1 | . Religion and Society |
| Sectional Test 2 | . System of Kinship in India |
| Sectional Test 3 | . Social Change in India |
| Sectional Test 4 | . Rural and Agrarian Transformation in India . Industrialisation and Urbanisation in India . Politics and Society |
| Sectional Test 5 | . Social Movements in India . Population Dynamics . Challenges of Social Transformations |
| Sectional Test 6 | . Perspectives on the study of Indian society . Impact of Colonial Rule . Village |
| Sectional Test 7 | . Caste System . Tribe . Social Classes in India. |
| Sectional Test 8 | . Sociology - The Discipline . Sociology as Science . Research Methods and Analysis |
| Sectional Test 9 | . Sociological Thinkers. Stratification and Mobility . Work and Economic Life |
| Sectional Test 10 | . Politics and Society |

TEST NO.

TOPICS

Full Length Tests Will be conducted after Prelims

Full Length Paper 1

Entire Paper 1

Full Length Paper 2

Entire Paper 2

*** Please note that the test dates and discussion dates are subjective and may vary.**

Price: ₹42,999

₹23,999



Enrol Now

76-4000-3000

contact@studyiq.com

