



• **UPSC IAS (Mains)** •

SOCIOLOGY

– Optional –

July Batch 2024

▶ Live Classes & Test Series



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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 2024

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.

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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.

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

**Can be easily
prepared in 5-6 months of
regular study.**

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**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**

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**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.**

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Features of the Course



**600+ hours of
live lectures
spread over 6
months**

01



**Comprehensive
coverage on each
and every topic**

02



**Live answer
writing program
under the
guidance of
faculty**

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**Previous Year
Questions
discussions**

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**Doubt-clearing
sessions by the
faculty**

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**High-quality Crux
and Hand-written
notes will be
provided**

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**Value Added Notes for Current
issues from The Hindu, Indian
Express and Economic & Political
Weekly will be provided.**

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Orientation sessions will be conducted at 11 a.m. during the start of the batch. Candidates will be informed about the same. This is designed to make the students adapt to the subject.

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



STUDY PLAN

DATE	PAPER	CHAPTER	SUB TOPICS
24th July'23	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
21st Aug'23	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
1st Sep'23	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.
20th Sep'23	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.
29th Sep'23	PAPER - 1	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.

DATE	PAPER	CHAPTER	SUB TOPICS
15th Oct'23	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.
4th Nov'23	PAPER - 2	Perspectives on the study of Indian society:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Indology (Ghurye) . Structural Functionalism (Srinivas) . Marist Sociology (Desai)
12th Nov'23	PAPER - 2	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
20th Nov'23	PAPER - 2	Village	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . The idea of Indian Village . Evolution of Land tenure system, Land reforms
25th Nov'23	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.
3rd Dec'23	PAPER - 2	Tribe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Definitional Problems . Geographical Spread . Colonial policies and tribes . Issues of integration and autonomy
9th Dec'23	PAPER - 2	Social classes in India	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Agrarian class structure . Industrial class structure . Middle class structure
COVERED WITH PAPER 1	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
COVERED WITH PAPER 1	PAPER - 2	Religion and Society	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Religious communities in India . Problems of religious minorities
15th Dec'23	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.


DATE	PAPER	CHAPTER	SUB TOPICS
25th Dec'24	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
30th Dec'23	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.
7th Jan'24	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
12th Jan'24	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.
18th Jan'24	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.
25th Jan'24	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.

DATE	PAPER	CHAPTER	SUB TOPICS
6th Feb'24	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
14th Feb'24	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
21st Feb'24	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
9th Mar'24	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 . Talcott Parsons - Social system, Pattern variables . Robert Merton - Latent & Manifest, Conformity and Deviance, Reference Group . Mead - Self and Identity

* 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.
 - 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 and Synopsis of each test will be provided.
 - Previous Year Questions and high-yielding topics would be covered comprehensively.
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TIME TABLE

TEST DATE	DISCUSSION DATE	TEST NO.	TOPICS
3rd Sep'23	9th Sep'23	Sectional Test 1	. Stratification and Mobility . Work and Economic Life
1st Oct'23	7th Oct'23	Sectional Test 2	. Politics and Society . Religion and Society
5th Nov'23	11th Nov'23	Sectional Test 3	. System of Kinship . Social change in Modern society.
25th Nov'23	2nd Dec'23	Sectional Test 4	. Perspectives on the study of Indian society . Impact of Colonial Rule . Village
24th Dec'23	30th Dec'23	Sectional Test 5	. Caste System . Tribe . Social Classes in India.
14th Jan'24	20th Jan'24	Sectional Test 6	. System of Kinship in India . Religion and Society . Social Change in India
4th Feb'24	10th Feb'24	Sectional Test 7	. Rural and Agrarian Transformation in India . Industrialisation and Urbanisation in India . Politics and Society
25th Feb'24	2nd Mar'24	Sectional Test 8	. Social Movements in India . Population Dynamics . Challenges of Social Transformations
10th Mar'24	16th Mar'24	Sectional Test 9	. Sociology - The Discipline . Sociology as Science
24th Mar'24	30th Mar'24	Sectional Test 10	. Research Methods and Analysis . Sociological Thinkers

TEST DATE	DISCUSSION DATE	TEST NO.	TOPICS
7th Apr'24	13th Apr'24	Full Length Paper 1	Entire Paper 1
21st Apr'24	27th Apr'24	Full Length Paper 2	Entire Paper 2

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

*** Test Series will be provided in English only**

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