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## STUDYPLAN

Paper	Chapter	Sub-Topics
PAPER 1	1) Stratification and Mobility	. 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
PAPER 1	2) Work and Economic Life	. Social organization of work in different types of society-slave society, feudal society, industrial /capitalist society Formal and informal organization of workLabour and society.
	3) Politics and Society	. Sociological theories of Power .Power elite, bureaucracy, pressure groups, and political partiesNation, state, citizenship, democracy, civil society, ideologyProtest, agitation, social movements, collective action, revolution.
	4) Religion and Society	<ul> <li>. Sociological theories of Religion</li> <li>.Types of religious practices: animism, monism, pluralism, sects, cults.</li> <li>.Religion in modern society: religion and science, secularization, religious revivalism, fundamentalism.</li> </ul>
PAPER - 1	5) System of Kinship	<ul> <li>Family, Household, Marriage</li> <li>Types and forms of family.</li> <li>Lineage and descent</li> <li>Patriarchy and sexual division of labour.</li> <li>Contemporary trends.</li> </ul>
	6) Social change in Modern society	<ul> <li>. Sociological theories of social change</li> <li>. Development and dependency.</li> <li>. Agents of social change.</li> <li>. Education and social change.</li> <li>. Science, technology and social change.</li> </ul>
PAPER - 2	1) (i) Perspectives on the study of Indian society:	. Indology ( Ghurye ) . Structural Functionalism ( Srinivas ) . Marist Sociology ( Desai )

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	2) Impact of Colonial Rule	<ul> <li>Social background of Indian nationalism</li> <li>Modernisation of Indian tradition</li> <li>Protestand movements during colonial period</li> <li>Social reforms</li> </ul>
PAPER 2	3) Village	. The idea of Indian Village . Evolution of Land tenure system, Land reforms.
	4) Caste System	<ul> <li>. Perspectives on the study of caste systems: GS</li> <li>Ghurye, M N Srinivas, Louis Dumont, Andre Beteille.</li> <li>. Features of caste system.</li> <li>. Untouchability - forms and perspectives.</li> </ul>
	5) Tribe	<ul><li>. Definitional Problems</li><li>. Geographical Spread</li><li>. Colonial policies and tribes</li><li>. Issues of integration and autonomy</li></ul>
	6) Social classes in India	. Agrarian class structure . Industrial class structure . Middle class structure
PAPER - 2	7) System of Kinship in India	<ul> <li>Lineage and Descent</li> <li>Types of kinship systems.</li> <li>Family and marriage in India.</li> <li>Household dimensions of the family.</li> <li>Patriarchy, entitlements and sexual division of labour</li> </ul>
	8) Religion and Society	. Religious communities in India . Problems of religious minorities
	9) Social Change in India	<ul><li>. Idea of development planning and mixed economy.</li><li>. Constitution, law and social change.</li><li>. Education and social change.</li></ul>
	10) Rural and Agrarian Transformation in India	<ul> <li>Programmes of rural development, Community</li> <li>Development Programme, cooperatives, poverty alleviation schemes.</li> <li>Green revolution and social change.</li> <li>Changing modes of production in Indian agriculture.</li> <li>Problems of rural labour, bondage, migration</li> </ul>
	11) Industrialisation and Urbanisation in India	<ul> <li>Evolution of modern industry in India.</li> <li>Growth of urban settlements in India.</li> <li>Working class: structure, growth, class mobilization.</li> <li>Informal sector, child labour.</li> <li>Slums and deprivation in urban areas.</li> </ul>

Paper	Chapter	Sub-Topics
PAPER 2	12) Politics and Society	<ul> <li>. Nation, democracy and citizenship.</li> <li>. Political parties, pressure groups , social and political elite.</li> <li>. Regionalism and decentralization of power.</li> <li>. Secularization</li> </ul>
	13) Social Movements in India	<ul> <li>Peasants and farmers movements.</li> <li>Women's movement.</li> <li>Backward classes &amp; Dalit movement.</li> <li>Environmental movements.</li> <li>Ethnicity and Identity movements.</li> </ul>
	14) Population Dynamics	<ul> <li>Population size, growth, composition and distribution.</li> <li>Components of population growth: birth, death, migration.</li> <li>Population policy and family planning.</li> <li>Emerging issues: ageing, sex ratios, child and infant mortality, reproductive health.</li> </ul>
	15) Challenges of Social Transformations	<ul> <li>.Crisis of development: displacement, environmental problems and sustainability.</li> <li>. Poverty, deprivation and inequalities.</li> <li>. Violence against women.</li> <li>. Caste conflicts.</li> <li>. Ethnic conflicts, communalism, religious revivalism.</li> <li>. Illiteracy and disparities in education.</li> </ul>
PAPER - 1	1) Sociology - The Discipline	<ul><li>. Modernity and Social change in Europe</li><li>. Scope of the subject and comparison</li><li>. Sociology and common sense</li></ul>
	2) Sociology as Science	<ul> <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> </ul>
	3) Research Methods and Analysis	<ul><li>. Qualitative and quantitative methods</li><li>. Techniques of data collection</li><li>. Variables, Sampling, Hypothesis, Reliability and Validity.</li></ul>
	4) Sociological Thinkers	. 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 . Talcolt Parsons - Social system, Pattern variables . Robert Merton - Latent & Manifest, Conformity and Deviance, Reference Group . Mead - Self and Identity.