



**SOCIOLOGY**

**OPTIONAL**

**— SMART —**  
**COURSE**

**▶ REC Recorded Classes**



# Why Optional Matter in UPSC CSE

Choosing the right optional subject in UPSC CSE Mains can significantly influence your chances of success. It's a highly strategic decision and should be based on multiple factors such as your background, interest, aptitude, availability of resources, and overlap with GS papers. Below is a detailed evaluation of each of the subjects you mentioned — both English and Hindi medium options — to help you make an informed choice:

## Optional Subject

### The Hidden Power in UPSC Mains



#### 500 Marks at Stake

Optional contributes **500 out of 1750** marks in the Mains exam. A high score here can **transform your final rank**.

#### The Real Differentiator

While GS papers level the field, the **optional creates the gap**. Many toppers owe their ranks to an outstanding optional score.



#### Scoring with Strategy

Optional subjects, with a **well-defined syllabus** and **less competition**, offer a chance to score **much higher than GS papers** — if approached smartly.

#### Subject Familiarity Pays Off

Choosing an optional aligned with your **interest or academic background** makes preparation smoother and answers stronger.



#### Overlap = Smart Preparation

Subjects like PSIR, Sociology, and Anthropology offer content that overlaps with **GS, Essay, and Interview**, giving you **multiple benefits from single preparation**.

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# Exploring the Merits of Sociology

## High Success Rate

One of the most popular optionals with **20+ toppers in the top 50** over the last 5 years.



## Scoring Potential



Consistently delivers good results — average scores around **270**, with many aspirants scoring **310–320**.

## Extensive GS & Essay Overlap

Concepts are highly useful in **Essay, GS Paper 1 (Society)**, and also enrich **GS Paper 2, 3, and Ethics** answers.



## Beginner-Friendly



Requires **no academic background** and can be **completed in 4–5 months** of focused study — ideal for any serious aspirant.

## Predictable and Straightforward

Exam questions are generally **direct and less tricky**, making preparation more streamlined.



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# Recorded Lectures

Topic no	Topic
1.	Sociology - The Discipline
2.	Sociology as Science
3.	Research Methods and Analysis
4.	Sociological Thinkers
5.	Work and Economic Life
6.	Politics and Society
7.	Religion and Society
8.	Social change in
9.	Modern society
10.	Perspectives on the study of Indian society
11.	Impact of Colonial Rule
12.	Village
13.	Caste System
14.	Tribe
15.	Social classes in India
16.	System of Kinship in India
17.	Religion and Society
18.	Social Change in India
19.	Rural and Agrarian Transformation in India
20.	Industrialisation and Urbanisation in India
21.	Politics and Society
22.	Social Movements in India
23.	Population Dynamics
24.	Challenges of Social Transformations

# Our Faculty



**Diwakar Botra**

**Sociology Faculty | UPSC Mentor**

- **Renowned educator with a decade-long track record in guiding UPSC aspirants**
- **4-time UPSC Interview Candidate (2007–2012), bringing firsthand experience of the exam process**
- **Has been mentoring students since 2014, with a deep understanding of UPSC trends and expectations**
- **Former faculty at prestigious institutes including Vajiram & Ravi, Mrunal (PDP), KSG, among others**
- **Holds dual Master's degrees in Sociology and Public Administration**
- **Also holds a degree in Master of Business Laws (M.B.L.)**

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