

Dear students,

We are launching **Preparatory Sectional Test Series Programme in Sociology Optional** as per the following schedule. This programme will **commence from the third week of January 2021** and **continue till April 2021**. It will facilitate the students to make best use of their time between **January - April** and stay ready for the Main Examination, 2021 to be held from 17th September 2021.

Highlights of the programme:

- It is a **10-Questions Test Series**.
- **First ten tests**(of 150 marks each) will carry **ten** compulsory questions (**five short notes**10x5=50 marks) and **five longquestions** (20x5=100 marks) per paper, followed by **two Comprehensive Papers** (consisting of 250 marks) each.
- Students will be given 7-10 days to prepare from the demarcated section of the syllabus.
- The papers will be evaluated by a **team of experts in Sociology only**.
- Detailed feedback will be given to the students, reflecting on the content, studies, analysis, interlinkage between the themes and presentation.
- Basic thrust will be given on the improvement in the content and quality of presentation of answers.
- Questions will be framed **in the line of UPSC only**.
- Special focus would be on Paper-II in line with current events of Social Issues.
- The student will be trained to equip themselves with dynamic trends emerging in the question papers of UPSC.
- **If there is any change in the Schedule, it will be informed to the students through our Student Portal.**

What is included in the PSTS (Preparatory Sectional Test Series):

- Evaluation of the Answer papers with remarks by the Evaluator/Teacher within 10 days of submission of the Answer paper.
- Feedback on answers will be given by the experts (Examiners), who are chosen from the field of academics.
- Every test will be followed by discussion classes (through zoom link). Questions for discussion will be taken by subject experts and discussion class will continue for 2-3 hours.
- Every candidate will get fixed time to discuss their problems with the senior faculty of Sociology of the Institute.
- Sufficient inputs will be given to the students in terms of the feedback and discussion classes to write quality answers.
- **NO MODEL ANSWERS WILL BE PROVIDED TO THE STUDENTS TO ENSURE ORIGINALITY AND CREATIVITY OF THE CANDIDATES.**

What is not provided:

- Any content/discussion in pdf/downloadable format.
- Any **recorded** lecture.

Course Fee: 10000/- (Inclusive of GST)

Schedule for the Programme
PREPARATORY SECTIONAL TEST SERIES PROGRAMME IN SOCIOLOGY
JANUARY - APRIL 2021

Test No.	Date of Test	Last date of submission	Date of discussion	Subject	Portion
PSTS-1	18-01-21 (Mon)	25-01-21 (Mon)	26-01-21 (Tue)	Sociology – I Sociology – The Discipline Sociology as Science Research Methods and Analysis	<p>Sociology – The Discipline</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modernity and social changes in Europe and emergence of sociology. • Scope of the subject and comparison with other social sciences. • Sociology and common sense. <p>Sociology as Science:</p> <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. <p>Research Methods and Analysis:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qualitative and quantitative methods. • Techniques of data collection. • Variables, sampling, hypothesis, reliability and validity.
PSTS-2	27-01-21 (Wed)	02-02-21 (Tue)	03-02-21 (Wed)	Sociology – I Sociological Thinkers	<p>Sociological Thinkers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Karl Marx - Historical materialism, mode of production, alienation, class struggle. • Emile Durkheim - Division of labour, social fact, suicide, religion and society. • Max Weber- Social action, ideal types, authority, bureaucracy, protestant ethic and the spirit of capitalism. • Talcott Parsons - Social system, pattern variables. • Robert K. Merton - Latent and manifest functions,

					<p>conformity and deviance, reference groups.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mead - Self and identity.
PSTS-3	04-02-21 (Thu)	09-02-21 (Tue)	10-02-21 (Wed)	Sociology – I Stratification and Mobility Works and Economic Life	<p>Stratification and Mobility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concepts – equality, inequality, hierarchy, exclusion, poverty and deprivation. • Theories of social stratification – Structural functionalist theory, Marxist theory, Weberian theory. • Dimensions – Social stratification of class, status groups, gender, ethnicity and race. • Social mobility – open and closed systems, types of mobility, sources and causes of mobility. <p>Works and Economic Life:</p> <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.
PSTS-4	11-02-21 (Thu)	16-02-21 (Tue)	17-02-21 (Wed)	Sociology – I Politics and Society Religion and Society	<p>Politics and Society:</p> <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. <p>Religion and Society:</p> <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.
PSTS-5	18-02-21 (Thu)	23-02-21 (Tue)	24-02-21 (Wed)	Sociology – I Systems of Kinship: Social Change in Modern Society:	Systems of Kinship: Family, household, marriage. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Types and forms of family. • Lineage and descent. • Patriarchy and sexual division of labour. • Contemporary trends. 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.
PSTS-6	25-02-21 (Thu)	02-03-21 (Tue)	03-03-21 (Wed)	Sociology – II INDIAN SOCIETY: STRUCTURE AND CHANGE A. Introducing Indian Society B.Social Structure:	INDIAN SOCIETY: STRUCTURE AND CHANGE A. Introducing Indian Society: (i) Perspectives on the study of Indian society: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indology (GS. Ghurye). • Structural functionalism (M N Srinivas). • Marxist sociology (A R Desai). (ii) Impact of colonial rule on Indian Society: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social background of Indian nationalism. • Modernization of Indian tradition. • Protests and movements during the colonial period. • Social reforms. B. Social Structure: (i) Rural and Agrarian Social Structure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The idea of Indian village and village studies. • Agrarian social structure - evolution of land tenure system, land reforms.

					<p>(ii) Caste System:</p> <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.
PSTS-7	04-03-21 (Thu)	09-03-21 (Tue)	10-03-21 (Wed)	Sociology – II Social Structure	<p>(iii) Tribal communities in India:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Definitional problems. • Geographical spread. • Colonial policies and tribes. • Issues of integration and autonomy. <p>(iv) Social Classes in India:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agrarian class structure. • Industrial class structure. • Middle classes in India. <p>(v) Systems of Kinship in India:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lineage and descent in India. • Types of kinship systems. • Family and marriage in India. • Household dimensions of the family.
PSTS-8	11-03-21 (Thu)	16-03-21 (Tue)	17-03-21 (Wed)	Sociology – II Social Structure Social Changes in India	<p>(vi) Religion and Society:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Religious communities in India. • Problems of religious minorities. • Patriarchy, entitlements and sexual division of labour <p>C. Social Changes in India:</p> <p>(i) Visions of Social Change in India:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Idea of development planning and mixed economy. • Constitution, law and social change. • Education and social change. <p>(ii) Rural and Agrarian transformation in India:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programmes of rural development, Community Development

					<p>Programme, cooperatives, poverty alleviation schemes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green revolution and social change. • Changing modes of production in Indian agriculture. <p>Problems of rural labour, bondage, migration.</p>
PSTS-9	18-03-21 (Thu)	23-03-21 (Tue)	24-03-21 (Wed)	Sociology – II Social Changes in India	<p>(iii) Industrialization and Urbanisation in India:</p> <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. <p>(iv) Politics and Society:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nation, democracy and citizenship. • Political parties, pressure groups, social and political elite. • Regionalism and decentralization of power • Secularization
PSTS-10	25-03-21 (Thu)	29-03-21 (Mon)	30-03-21 (Tue)	Sociology – II Social Changes in India	<p>(v) Social Movements in Modern India:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peasants and farmers movements. • Women's movement. • Backward classes & Dalit movement. • Environmental movements. • Ethnicity and Identity movements. <p>(vi) Population Dynamics:</p> <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. (vii) Challenges of Social Transformation: <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.
PSTS-11	31-03-21 (Wed)	02-04-21 (Fri)	03-04-21 (Sat)	Sociology Paper I (Full Syllabus)	
PSTS-12	04-04-21 (Sun)	06-04-21 (Tue)	07-04-21 (Wed)	Sociology Paper II (Full Syllabus)	