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SOCIOLOGY

ONLINE MAIN EXAM TEST SERIES SCHEDULE

October to December-2020

Dear Students,

We are organising Online Mains Test series in Sociology as per the following schedule. The objective of the test series is to make the students aptly prepared for their UPSC Sociology Optional in Mains Examination-2020. The highlights of the test series are as follows:

- There will be 6 tests in total of which first 2 tests will cover Paper-1 Sociology while the next 2 tests will cover Paper-2 Sociology and the last 2 will be full tests covering both the papers.
- Question will be framed in the line of UPSC pattern.
- The tests intend to train the students about effective management of time and completion of paper within prescribed word limits.
- It will help students to address the questions from multi- dimensional perspective.
- It will inculcate in them analytical ability to address to the demands of the questions.
- It will help them to organise the content, plan out the structure of answer and further help them for effective presentation of ideas and facts.
- It will acquaint students to align with Concepts, Theory, Facts, Case Studies & Current social issues, Problems, and Policies while writing their answers.
- Focus will be given on the context, thrust and background of the questions.
- The students will be trained to write reflexive, logical and analytical answers revolving round the key sociological terms and contemporary social issues.
- Emphasis will be given on dynamism and the emerging trends of UPSC specifically in Paper II Sociology.

SPECIAL NOTES:-

- ✓ Feedback on answers will be given by the experts (Examiners), who are chosen from the field of academics.
- ✓ Every test will be followed by detailed discussion of every question by the experts. Discussion class will continue for 4-6 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.

Test Number	Date of Test	Discussion Date	Syllabus	Paper
1	23rd Oct. 2020	31st Oct.2020	1.Fundamental of Sociology 2.Sociology as a science 3.Research Method and Analysis 4. Sociological Thinkers 5.Stratification and Mobility	1
2	30th Oct.2020	08th Nov.2020	1.Works and Economic Life 2.Politics and society 3.Religion and society 4.Systems of Kinship 5.Social change in Modern Society	1
3	06th Nov.2020	15th Nov.2020	1.Perspective on the study of Indian society, 2.Impact of colonial rule on Indian society 3.Rural and agrarian social structure 4.Caste system 5.Tribal communities in India	2
4	13th Nov.2020	22nd Nov.2020	1.Social classes in India 2.System Of kinship in India 3.Family and marriage in India 4.Religion and society 5.Vision of social change in India 6.Rural and agrarian transformation in India 7.Industrialisation and Urbanization in India 8.Politics and society 10.Social Movements in India 11.Population Dynamics 12.Challenges of Social Transformation	2
5	22nd Nov.2020	06th Dec.2020	Full Length	1
6	04th Dec.2020	13th Dec.2020	Full Length	2

Instructions

- The Test would be held on www.vajiramias.com
- Period of validity of the Test series is between 7th October 2020 and 15th January 2021.
- Upon enrolment to Vajiram & Ravi's portal, you would receive daily current affairs articles, apart from the test series.
- Following the format of the UPSC, an answer booklet would be provided for each test along with a question paper.
- Students shall answer the test only on the answer booklet provided by the institute.
- Students are given a window of 15 days to answer a test after the question paper is uploaded as per the mentioned schedule. For the full tests in December 2020, students would be given only 7 days to answer the tests.
- Upon completion of the test, scan the answered booklet or your answer sheet and upload the answer booklet back as a single pdf file.
- Once your answers are submitted successfully, they would be evaluated and feedback would be provided to you.