

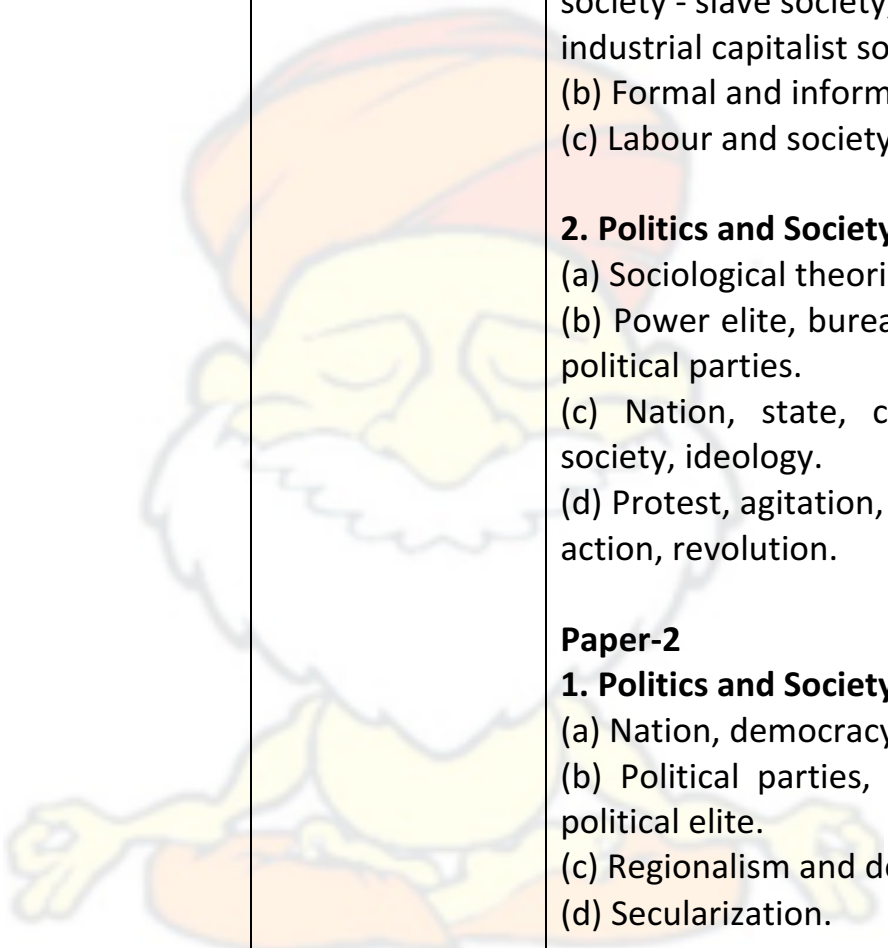
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Test Number	Test Date	Test Venue/Time	Syllabus
Test-1	FLEXIBLE		<p><b>Paper-1</b></p> <p><b>1. Sociological Thinkers:</b></p> <p>(a) Karl Marx - Historical materialism, mode of production, alienation, class struggle.</p> <p>(b) Emile Durkheim - Division of labour, social fact, suicide, religion and society.</p> <p>(c) Max Weber - Social action, ideal types, authority, bureaucracy, protestant ethic and the spirit of capitalism.</p> <p>(d) Talcott Parsons - Social system, pattern variables.</p> <p>(e) Robert K. Merton - Latent and manifest functions, conformity and deviance, reference groups.</p> <p>(f) Mead - Self and identity.</p>
Test-2	FLEXIBLE		<p><b>Paper-2</b></p> <p><b>1. Perspectives on the Study of Indian Society :</b></p> <p>(a) Indology (G.S. Ghurye).</p> <p>(b) Structural functionalism (M. N. Srinivas).</p> <p>(c) Marxist sociology (A. R. Desai).</p> <p><b>2. Caste System:</b></p> <p>(a) Perspectives on the study of caste systems: G.</p>

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			<p>S. Ghurye, M. N. Srinivas, Louis Dumont, Andre Beteille.</p> <p>(b) Features of caste system.</p> <p>(c) Untouchability-forms and perspectives.</p>
Test-3	FLEXIBLE		<p><b>Paper-1</b></p> <p><b>1. Sociology - The Discipline:</b></p> <p>(a) Modernity and social changes in Europe and emergence of Sociology.</p> <p>(b) Scope of the subject and comparison with other social sciences.</p> <p>(c) Sociology and common sense.</p> <p><b>2. Sociology as Science:</b></p> <p>(a) Science, scientific method and critique.</p> <p>(b) Major theoretical strands of research methodology.</p> <p>(c) Positivism and its critique.</p> <p>(d) Fact value and objectivity.</p> <p>(e) Non-positivist methodologies.</p> <p><b>3. Research Methods and Analysis:</b></p> <p>(a) Qualitative and quantitative methods.</p> <p>(b) Techniques of data collection.</p> <p>(c) Variables, sampling, hypothesis, reliability and validity.</p>

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Test-4	FLEXIBLE		<p><b>Paper-1</b></p> <p><b>1. Works and Economic Life :</b></p> <p>(a) Social organization of work in different types of society - slave society, feudal society, industrial capitalist society.</p> <p>(b) Formal and informal organization of work.</p> <p>(c) Labour and society.</p> <p><b>2. Politics and Society:</b></p> <p>(a) Sociological theories of power.</p> <p>(b) Power elite, bureaucracy, pressure groups and political parties.</p> <p>(c) Nation, state, citizenship, democracy, civil society, ideology.</p> <p>(d) Protest, agitation, social movements, collective action, revolution.</p> <p><b>Paper-2</b></p> <p><b>1. Politics and Society :</b></p> <p>(a) Nation, democracy and citizenship.</p> <p>(b) Political parties, pressure groups, social and political elite.</p> <p>(c) Regionalism and decentralization of power.</p> <p>(d) Secularization.</p> <p><b>2. Industrialization and Urbanisation in India:</b></p> <p>(a) Evolution of modern industry in India.</p>
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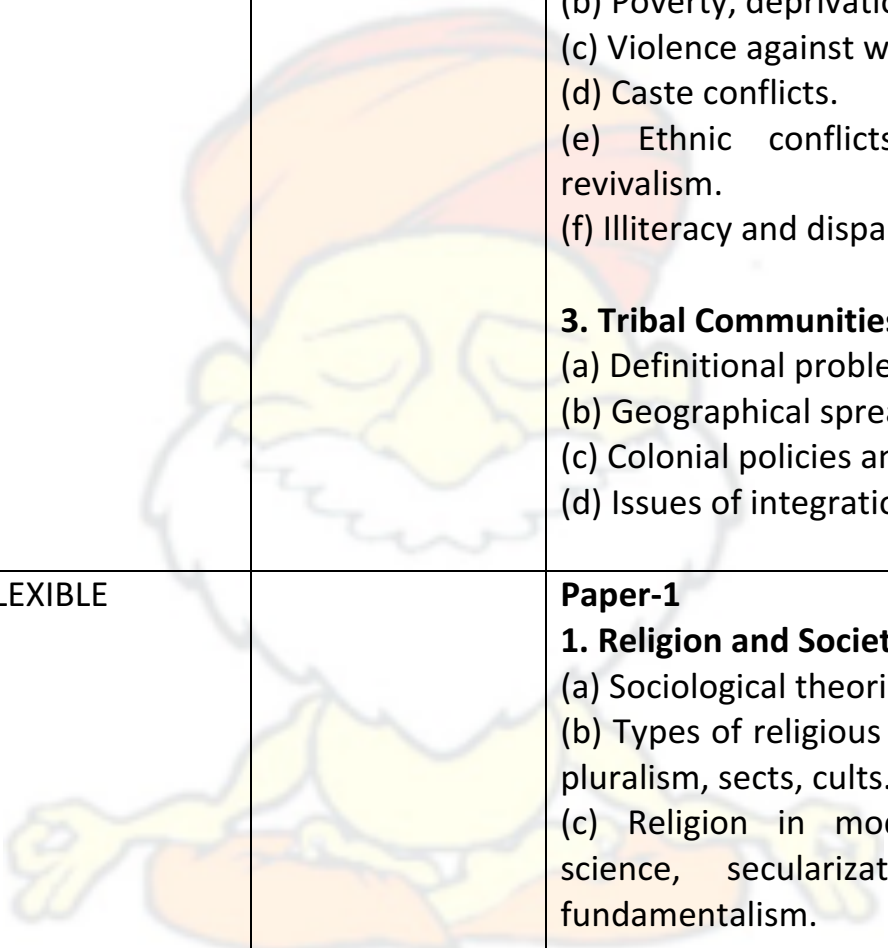
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			<p>(b) Growth of urban settlements in India.</p> <p>(c) Working class: structure, growth, class mobilization.</p> <p>(d) Informal sector, child labour.</p> <p>(e) Slums and deprivation in urban areas.</p>
Test-5	FLEXIBLE		<p><b>Paper-2</b></p> <p><b>1. Impact of colonial rule on Indian society :</b></p> <p>(a) Social background of Indian nationalism.</p> <p>(b) Modernization of Indian tradition.</p> <p>(c) Protests and movements during the colonial period.</p> <p>(d) Social reforms.</p> <p><b>2. Rural and Agrarian Social Structure:</b></p> <p>(a) The idea of Indian village and village studies.</p> <p>(b) Agrarian social structure— evolution of land tenure system, land reforms.</p> <p><b>3. Rural and Agrarian Transformation in India:</b></p> <p>(a) Programmes of rural development, Community Development Programme, cooperatives, poverty alleviation schemes.</p> <p>(b) Green revolution and social change.</p> <p>(c) Changing modes of production in Indian</p>

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		<p>agriculture. (d) Problems of rural labour, bondage, migration.</p> <p><b>4. Population Dynamics:</b> (a) Population size, growth, composition and distribution. (b) Components of population growth: birth, death, migration. (c) Population Policy and family planning. (d) Emerging issues: ageing, sex ratios, child and infant mortality, reproductive health.</p>
Test-6	FLEXIBLE	<p><b>Paper-1</b> <b>1. Social Change in Modern Society :</b> (a) Sociological theories of social change. (b) Development and dependency. (c) Agents of social change. (d) Education and social change. (e) Science, technology and social change.</p> <p><b>Paper-2</b> <b>1. Visions of Social Change in India:</b> (a) Idea of development planning and mixed economy. (b) Constitution, law and social change. (c) Education and social change.</p>

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			<p><b>2. Challenges of Social Transformation :</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Crisis of development: displacement, environmental problems and sustainability.</li> <li>(b) Poverty, deprivation and inequalities.</li> <li>(c) Violence against women.</li> <li>(d) Caste conflicts.</li> <li>(e) Ethnic conflicts, communalism, religious revivalism.</li> <li>(f) Illiteracy and disparities in education.</li> </ul> <p><b>3. Tribal Communities in India:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Definitional problems.</li> <li>(b) Geographical spread.</li> <li>(c) Colonial policies and tribes.</li> <li>(d) Issues of integration and autonomy.</li> </ul>
Test-7	FLEXIBLE		<p><b>Paper-1</b></p> <p><b>1. Religion and Society :</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Sociological theories of religion.</li> <li>(b) Types of religious practices: animism, monism, pluralism, sects, cults.</li> <li>(c) Religion in modern society: religion and science, secularization, religious revivalism, fundamentalism.</li> </ul> <p><b>Paper-2</b></p> <p><b>1. Religion and Society :</b></p>

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		<p>(a) Religious communities in India. (b) Problems of religious minorities.</p> <p><b>2. Social Movements in Modern India :</b></p> <p>(a) Peasants and farmers movements. (b) Women's movement. (c) Backward classes &amp; Dalit movements. (d) Environmental movements. (e) Ethnicity and Identity movements.</p> <p><b>3. Social Classes in India:</b></p> <p>(a) Agrarian class structure. (b) Industrial class structure. (c) Middle classes in India.</p>
Test-8	FLEXIBLE	<p><b>Papert-1</b></p> <p><b>1. Stratification and Mobility:</b></p> <p>(a) Concepts - equality, inequality, hierarchy, exclusion, poverty and deprivation. (b) Theories of social stratification – Structural functionalist theory, Marxist theory, Weberian theory. (c) Dimensions - Social stratification of class, status groups, gender, ethnicity and race. (d) Social mobility - open and closed systems, types of mobility, sources and causes of mobility.</p>

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			<p><b>2. Systems of Kinship:</b></p> <p>(a) Family, household, marriage.            (b) Types and forms of family.            Government strives to have a workforce which reflects gender balance and women candidates are encouraged to apply.            (c) Lineage and descent.            (d) Patriarchy and sexual division of labour.            (e) Contemporary trends.</p> <p><b>Paper-2</b></p> <p><b>1. Systems of Kinship in India:</b></p> <p>(a) Lineage and descent in India.            (b) Types of kinship systems.            (c) Family and marriage in India.            (d) Household dimensions of the family.            (e) Patriarchy, entitlements and sexual division of labour.</p> <p><b>2. Social Classes in India:</b></p> <p>(a) Agrarian class structure.            (b) Industrial class structure.            (c) Middle classes in India.</p>
Test-9 (Full Length)	AFTER PRELIMS		Complete Paper-1
Test-10 (Full Length)	AFTER PRELIMS		Complete Paper-2



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Test-11+12 (Full Length)	AFTER PRELIMS		1.Complete Paper-1 2. Complete Paper-2
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