

IAS BABA



Sociology optional

Foundation Course 2024



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- Former IAS Officer
- Worked in the areas of Civil Services Reforms, Women Issues, Worked with DoPT & UNDP
- Teaching and mentoring students for the last 9 years.
- One of the highest scorers in Paper 1



JEETENDRA SIR

- Mentoring Sociology students for the last 4 years.
- One of the highest scorers in Paper 2

EXCLUSIVE FEATURES

 300+ Hours of Classes

 Daily PYQ's Answer Writing

 Class Notes

 1:1 Mentorship

 Complete Coverage of Syllabus

 6 Tests with Evaluation

 Organic Linkages with Current Affairs

 Equal Emphasis on Paper II

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SOCIOLOGY OPTIONAL FOUNDATION 2024 - SCHEDULE

LECTURE	TOPIC	Date
1.	Orientation	01-08-2023
I. SOCIOLOGY THE DISCIPLINE		
2.	Modernity and social changes in Europe and emergence of Sociology.	02-08-2023
3.	Scope of the subject and comparison with other social sciences. Sociology and common sense.	03-08-2023
4.	Discussion	04-08-2023
II. SOCIOLOGY AS SCIENCE		
5.	Science, scientific method, and critique.	05-08-2023
6.	Major theoretical strands of research methodology.	07-08-2023
7.	Positivism and its critique.	08-08-2023
8.	Fact value and objectivity.	09-08-2023
9.	Non-positivist methodologies.	10-08-2023
10.	Discussion	11-08-2023
III. RESEARCH METHODS AND ANALYSIS		
11.	Qualitative and quantitative methods.	12-08-2023
12.	Techniques of data collection.	14-08-2023
13.	Variables, sampling, hypothesis, reliability, and validity.	15-08-2023
14.	Discussion	16-08-2023
IV. SOCIOLOGICAL THINKERS		
15.	Karl Marx - Historical materialism, mode of production.	17-08-2023
16.	Karl Marx - Alienation, class struggle.	18-08-2023
17.	Max Weber - Social action, ideal types, authority, bureaucracy.	19-08-2023
18.	Max Weber – Protestant ethic and the spirit of capitalism.	21-08-2023
19.	Talcott Parsons - Social system, pattern variables.	22-08-2023
20.	Robert K Merton - Latent and manifest functions.	23-08-2023
21.	Robert K Merton - Conformity and deviance, reference groups.	24-08-2023
22.	G. H. Mead - Self and identity.	25-08-2023
23.	Discussion	26-08-2023
V. STRATIFICATION AND MOBILITY		
24.	Concepts - equality, inequality, hierarchy, exclusion, poverty, and deprivation.	28-08-2023
25.	Theories of social stratification - Structural functionalist theory, Marxist theory, Weberian theory.	29-08-2023
26.	Theories of social stratification - Structural functionalist theory, Marxist theory, Weberian theory.	30-08-2023
27.	Dimensions - Social stratification of class, status groups, gender, ethnicity, and race.	31-08-2023
28.	Social mobility - Open and closed systems, types of mobility, sources and causes of mobility.	01-09-2023
29.	Discussion	02-09-2023
VI. WORK AND ECONOMIC LIFE		
30.	Social organization of work in different types of society - slave society, feudal society, industrial capitalist society.	04-09-2023
31.	Formal and informal organization of work. Labour and society.	05-09-2023
32.	Discussion	06-09-2023
VII. POLITICS AND SOCIETY		

33.	Sociological theories of power.	07-09-2023
34.	Power elite, bureaucracy, pressure groups and political parties.	08-09-2023
35.	Nation, state, citizenship, deocracy, civil society, ideology.	09-09-2023
36.	Protest, agitation, social movements, collective action, revolution.	11-09-2023
37.	Discussion	12-09-2023
VIII. RELIGION AND SOCIETY		
38.	Sociological theories of religion.	13-09-2023
39.	Types of religious practices: animism, monism, pluralism, sects, cults.	14-09-2023
40.	Religion in modern society: religion and science, secularization, religious revivalism, fundamentalism.	15-09-2023
41.	Discussion	16-09-2023
IX. FAMILY AND KINSHIP		
42.	Family, household, marriage. Types and forms of family.	18-09-2023
43.	Lineage and descent.	19-09-2023
44.	Patriarchy and sexual division of labour.	20-09-2023
45.	Contemporary trends.	21-09-2023
46.	Discussion	22-09-2023
X. SOCIAL CHANGE IN MODERN SOCIETY		
47.	Sociological theories of social change.	23-09-2023
48.	Development and dependency.	25-09-2023
49.	Agents of social change. Education and social change. Science, technology, and social change.	26-09-2023
50.	Discussion	27-09-2023
51.	Introducing Indian Society	27-10-2023
I. Perspectives on the study of Indian society		
52.	Indology (GS. Ghurye). Marxist sociology (A R Desai)	30-10-2023
53.	Structural functionalism (M N Srinivas).	31-10-2023
54.	Discussion	02-11-2023
II. Impact of colonial rule on Indian society		
55.	Protests and movements during the colonial period. Social reforms	03-11-2023
56.	Social background of Indian nationalism. Modernization of Indian tradition	04-11-2023
57.	Discussion	06-11-2023
III. Rural and Agrarian Social Structure		
58.	The idea of Indian village and village studies	07-11-2023
59.	Agrarian social structure -evolution of land tenure system Land Reforms	08-11-2023
60.	Discussion	09-11-2023
IV. Caste System		
61.	Features of caste system.	10-11-2023
62.	Perspectives on the study of caste systems: GS Ghurye, M N Srinivas. — 1	14-11-2023
63.	Perspectives on the study of caste systems: GS Ghurye, M N Srinivas. — 2	15-11-2023

64.	Perspectives on the study of caste systems: Louis Dumont, Andre Beteille Untouchability - forms and perspectives	16-11-2023
65.	Discussion	20-11-2023
V. Social Classes in India		
66.	Agrarian class structure. Industrial class structure.	21-11-2023
67.	Middle classes in India	22-11-2023
68.	Discussion	23-11-2023
VI. Tribal communities in India		
69.	Definitional problems. Geographical spread.	24-11-2023
70.	Colonial policies and tribes. Issues of integration and autonomy	25-11-2023
71.	Discussion	27-11-2023
VII. Rural and Agrarian transformation in India		
72.	Programmes of rural development, Community Development Programme, cooperatives, poverty alleviation schemes.	28-11-2023
73.	Green revolution and social change. Changing modes of production in Indian agriculture.	29-11-2023
74.	Problems of rural labour, bondage, migration	30-11-2023
75.	Discussion	01-12-2023
VIII. Systems of Kinship in India		
76.	Lineage and descent in India. Types of kinship system	02-12-2023
77.	Family and marriage in India. Household dimensions of the family.	04-12-2023
78.	Patriarchy, entitlements and sexual division of labour.	05-12-2023
79.	Discussion	06-12-2023
IX. Religion and Society		
80.	Religious communities in India. Problems of religious minorities Secularisation	07-12-2023
81.	Discussion	08-12-2023
X. Visions of Social Change in India		
82.	Idea of development planning and mixed economy	09-12-2023
83.	Constitution, law and social change Education and social change.	11-12-2023
84.	Discussion	12-12-2023
XI. Politics and Society		
85.	Nation, democracy and citizenship.	13-12-2023
86.	Political parties, pressure groups , social and political elite	14-12-2023
87.	Regionalism and decentralisation of power.	15-12-2023
88.	Discussion	16-12-2023
XII. Social Movements in Modern India		
89.	Peasants and farmers movements.	18-12-2023
90.	Women's movements Environmental Movements	19-12-2023
91.	Backward classes & Dalit movement. Ethnicity and Identity movements.	20-12-2023
92.	Discussion	21-12-2023
XIII. Population Dynamics		
93.	Population size, growth, composition and distribution. Components of population growth: birth, death, migration. Population policy and family planning.	22-12-2023
94.	Emerging issues: ageing, sex ratios, child and infant mortality, reproductive health.	23-12-2023

95.	Discussion	26-12-2023
XIV. Challenges of Social Transformation		
96.	Crisis of development: displacement, environmental problems and sustainability.	27-12-2023
97.	Poverty, deprivation and inequalities.	28-12-2023
98.	Violence against women. Caste conflicts.	29-12-2023
99.	Ethnic conflicts, communalism, religious revivalism. Illiteracy and disparities in education.	30-12-2023
100.	Discussion	02-01-2024