

# Course Plan

## UPSC Sociology Foundation Batch 2025

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4
August	Sociology - The Discipline (P1)	Sociology as Science (P1)	Research Methods and Analysis (P1)	Perspectives on Indian Society (P2)
	Modernity and social changes in Europe	Science, scientific method, and critique	Qualitative and quantitative methods	Indology, Structural functionalism, Marxist
	Scope of the subject	Major theoretical strands of research	Techniques of data collection	Sociology
	Sociology and common sense	Positivism and its critique	Variables, sampling, hypothesis, reliability	
		Fact value and objectivity	and validity	
		Non-positivist methodologies		
September	Karl Marx, Emile Durkheim (P1)	Max Weber, Talcott Parsons (P1)	Robert K. Merton, Mead (P1)	Caste System (P2)
	Historical materialism, mode of production,	Social action, ideal types, authority	Latent and manifest functions	Perspectives, features, untouchability
	alienation, class struggle	bureaucracy, protestant ethic and	Conformity and deviance	
	Division of labour, social fact, suicide,	spirit of capitalism	Reference groups, self and identity	
	religion and society	Social system, pattern variables		
October	Stratification and Mobility (P1)	Works and Economic Life (P1)	Rural and Agrarian Social Structure (P2)	Social Classes in India (P2)
	Concepts: equality, inequality, hierarchy	Social organization of work in different	Indian village, agrarian social structure	Agrarian, industrial, middle classes
	exclusion, poverty, and	types of society: slave, feudal,	Evolution of land tenure	

	deprivation	capitalist	system, land reforms	
	Theories of social stratification	Formal and informal organization of work		
	Dimensions: class, status groups, gender,	Labour and society		
	ethnicity, race			
November	Politics and Society (P1)	Religion and Society (P1)	Tribal Communities in India (P2)	Systems of Kinship (P1)
	Sociological theories of power	Sociological theories of religion	Definitional problems, geographical spread	Family, household, marriage, types and forms
	Power elite, bureaucracy, pressure groups,	Types of religious practices: animism,	Colonial policies, issues of integration	of family
	political parties	monism, pluralism, sects, cults	and autonomy	Lineage and descent, patriarchy, sexual
	Nation, state, citizenship, democracy, civil	Religion in modern society: religion and		division of labour
	society, ideology	science, secularization, religious revivalism		
	Protest, agitation, social movements, collective	fundamentalism		
	action, revolution			
December	Social Change in Modern Society (P1)	Rural and Agrarian Transformation in India (P2)	Industrialization and Urbanisation in India (P2)	Population Dynamics (P2)
	Sociological theories of social change	Programmes of rural development,	Evolution of modern industry, growth of urban	Population size, growth, composition, and
	Development and dependency	Community Development Programme,	settlements, working class	distribution, birth, death, migration
	Agents of social change,	cooperatives, poverty alleviation	Informal sector, child labour,	Population Policy and family

	education, science,	schemes	slums and	planning
	technology	Green revolution, changing modes of	deprivation in urban areas	Emerging issues: ageing, sex ratios, child
		production in Indian agriculture, problems		and infant mortality, reproductive health
		of rural labour, bondage, migration		
January	Challenges of Social Transformation (P2)	Review and Revision	Test Series	Final Preparation
	Crisis of development: displacement,	Revisiting key concepts, thinkers, and theories	Practice tests on full syllabus	Mock tests, final revisions
	environmental problems, sustainability	Integrating concepts from Paper 1 and Paper 2	Answer writing practice	
	Poverty, deprivation, inequalities, violence			
	against women, caste conflicts, ethnic conflicts			
	communalism, religious revivalism, illiteracy			
	and disparities in education			

Points to be noted:

- There would be a “Doubt Clearing Session” every 2 weeks.
- There would also be periodic sectional tests for the topics covered apart from the regular test series.
- The schedule is tentative and may be subject to changes.

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