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MICROTHERMES	QUESTIONS
PAPER 1 - SOCIOLOGY THE DISCIPLINE	
MODERNITY	2013 Paper 1 - 1a "Sociology emerged in Europe and flourished to begin with on social reformist orientation in the U.S.A." - Comment. 10
	2016 Paper 1 - 1a "Sociology is pre-eminently study of modern societies." Discuss. 10
	2017 Paper 1 - 1a Explain how sociology has emerged as a distinct discipline based on rationality and scientific temper. 10
	2020 Paper 1 - 1a How did the intellectual forces lead to the emergence of sociology ? Discuss. 10
	2015 Paper 1 - 3c How had Enlightenment contributed to the emergence of sociology? 10
	2022 Paper 1 - 2a What aspects of Enlightenment do you think paved way for the emergence of sociology? Elaborate. 20
	2019 Paper 1 - 1a Discuss the historical antecedents of the emergence of Sociology as a discipline. 10
	2024 Paper 1 - 2a Sociology is the product of European enlightenment and renaissance. Critically examine this statement. 20
2021 Paper 1 - 1a Europe was the first and the only place where modernity emerged. Comment. 10	
SCOPE OF SOCIOLOGY	2020 Paper 1 - 5a In the context of globalisation, has the scope of sociology been changing in India ? Comment. 10
	2025 Paper 1 - 5a In what way is the scope of sociology unique? Explain.
COMPARISON WITH OTHER SOCIAL SCIENCES	
ANTHROPOLOGY	2013 Paper 1 - 1b Compare and contrast Sociology with Anthropology. 10
	2024 Paper 1 - 1a Discuss the nature of Sociology. Highlight its relationship with Social Anthropology. 10
PSYCHOLOGY	2014 Paper 1 - 1c How is sociological approach to human actions different from that of psychological approach? 10
MULTIDISCIPLINE	2017 Paper 1 - 2a Discuss - the changing equations of discipline of sociology with other social sciences. 20
	2021 Paper 1 - 2a From the viewpoint of growing importance of multidisciplinary, how do you relate sociology to other social sciences ? 20
	2022 Paper 1 - 1a Delimit the scope of Sociology in relation to other social sciences. 10
POL SCI	2023 Paper 1 - 1b Discuss the relationship between Sociology and Political science. 10
HISTORY	2010 Paper 1 - 2a " Sociology without History is rootless and History without Sociology is fruitless." Elaborate. 30
COMMON SENSE	2016 Paper 1 - 2c Is sociology common sense? Give reasons in support of your argument. 10
	2021 Paper 1 - 2c How is sociology related to common sense ? 10
	2023 Paper 1 - 4a Do you think that common sense is the starting point of social research? What are its advantages and limitations? Explain.
	2025 Paper 1 - 1a What is common sense? How are common knowledge and sociology related to each other? Explain.
{ BOTH P1 &P2 }	
POLITICS AND SOCIETY { BOTH P1 &P2 }	
POWER ELITE	2016 Paper 1 - 5b Discuss the importance of 'power elite' in democracy. 10
	2022 Paper 2 - 6c Discuss the changing natures of structure of political elites. 10
	2018 Paper 1 - 7c What according to Pareto, are the basic characteristics of elites ? Discuss. 10
	2019 Paper 1 - 7c Discuss the concept of circulation of elite. 10 Marks
	2019 Paper 1 - 6b What are the theoretical models of societal power ? Which one of them is most applicable in advanced industrial societies ? 20
	2020 Paper 1 - 6b According to Mills, "Elites rule in institutional terms rather than psychological terms." Comment. 20
	2021 Paper 1 - 5b Critically examine the relevance of Vilfredo Pareto's theory of Circulation of Elites in the present scenario. 10

	2023 Paper 1 - 2a What, according to Robert Michels, is the iron law of oligarchy? Do lions and foxes in Vilfredo Pareto's theory, essentially differ from each other? Substantiate
SOCIOLOGICAL THEORIES OF POWER	2014 Paper 1 - 6a "Power is not a zero-sum game." Discuss with reference to Weber's and Parsons' views. 20
	2014 Paper 2 - 8c Who are the elites ? Discuss their roles in bringing social transformation. 10
	2018 Paper 1 - 7c What according to Pareto, are the basic characteristics of elites ? Discuss. 10
	2019 Paper 1 - 7c Discuss the concept of circulation of elite. 10
	2019 Paper 1 - 6b What are the theoretical models of societal power ? Which one of them is most applicable in advanced industrial societies ? 20
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	2023 Paper 1 - 2a What, according to Robert Michels, is the iron law of oligarchy? Do lions and foxes in Vilfredo Pareto's theory, essentially differ from each other? Substantiate.
	2025 Paper 1 - 4b What would you identify as the similarities and differences in the elite theories of Mosca, Michels and Pareto? Discuss their main/crucial issues.
	POLITICAL PARTY
2021 Paper 1 - 6b Explain how political parties and pressure groups are dialectically related to each other in terms of achieving their goals. 20	
PRESSURE GROUP	2013 Paper 1 - 4c Examine the role of pressure groups in parliamentary democracy. 10
	2022 Paper 2 - 5d Discuss the role of pressure groups in strengthening democracy. 10 marks
	2022 Paper 1 - 7c Illustrate with examples the role of Pressure groups in the formulation of social policies. 10
	2017 Paper 1 - 6c Examine the dynamics of pressure groups in multi-party political system. 10
	2024 Paper 2 - 8c What are pressure groups? Discuss their role in decision-making in democracy. (10M)
REGIONALISM AND DECENTRALIZATION OF POWER	2025 Paper 1 - 3b Are pressure groups a threat to or a necessary element of democracy? Explain with suitable illustrations.
	2013 Paper 2 - 6b Discuss the sociological aspects of movements for separate States. 15
	2020 Paper 2 - 5e What do you understand by democratic federalism? How does it promote decentralization of power in India? 10
	2021 Paper 2 - 5d Does regionalism essentially lead to decentralization of power ? Substantiate your answer with relevant examples. 10
NATION - STATE	2024 Paper 2 - 4b What do you understand by decentralisation of power? What is its role in strengthening the roots of democracy in India? Elaborate. (20M)
	2015 Paper 1 - 8a "Globalization involves deterritorialization ." Examine with reference to the nation-state." 20
CITIZENSHIP	2017 Paper 2 - 7b To what extent does nation building depend on strengthening of pluralities in Indian society ? 20
	2014 Paper 1 - 5c Discuss T. H. Marshall's views on citizenship. 10
CIVIL SOCIETY	2020 Paper 2 - 5b Analyze the issues related to the citizenship in contemporary India. Give suitable illustrations. 10
	2013 Paper 1 - 7a Evaluate how do civil society and democracy mutually reinforce each other. 20
	2013 Paper 1 - 7c Critically examine the role of civil society in democracy. 10
	2021 Paper 1 - 8c Highlight the roles and functions of civil society in a democratic system. 10
	2015 Paper 1 - 8c Write a brief note on the Freedom of Press. 10
	2018 Paper 2 - 1c Media is the fourth pillar of democracy. Discuss. 10
	2017 Paper 1 - 5b Discuss the changing interface between state and civil society in post independent India. 10
	2019 Paper 1 - 5c What is civil society ? Present a note on civil society engagement with science and technology policy in India. 10
	2019 Paper 2 - 7b Discuss the implications of 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan'. Do you think that civil society has a role to play here ? Substantiate your answer with example. 20
	2023 Paper 1 - 5b How is civil society useful in deepening the roots of democracy ?
	2024 Paper 1 - 1d Democracy needs a vibrant culture of civil society in order to strengthen its foundation of citizenship. Comment. 10
DEMOCRACY	2025 Paper 1 - 8b How do 'Civil Society Organizations' such as 'NGOs' and 'Self-Help Groups' contribute to grassroot level social changes? Discuss.
	2019 Paper 2 - 5d Comment on the changing democratic profile of India. 10
	2020 Paper 1 - 2c Explain democracy as an order of society. What are the factors preventing people's participation in politics? 10
	2021 Paper 2 - 7c Is social democracy a precondition for political democracy ? Comment. 10
IDEOLOGY	2025 Paper 2 - 5c Discuss the social bases of political mobilization in Independent India. Has some change occurred in these during the last 60-70 years ?
	2015 Paper 1 - 5b "Ideology is crucial for social transformation in a democracy." Discuss. 10
PROTEST	2019 Paper 1 - 8c How is terrorism a new form of asymmetrical warfare ? What are some of the challenges in trying to win the war on terrorism ? 10
	2023 Paper 1 - 7b Do you think that the social media has brought significant changes in the forms of protest? Argue your case.
	2013 Paper 1 -5b Define social movement. Elucidate the role of reformist movements in social change. 10

SOCIAL MOVEMENT	2015 Paper 1 - 6b Explain the conditions under which a collective action transforms into a social movement. 20
	2017 Paper 1 - 6b What is new in 'new social movements'? Elaborate your answer with special reference to India. 20
	2018 Paper 1 - 5b Are social movements primordial in means and progressive in agenda? Explain. 10
	2019 Paper 2 - 7c Do you agree that social movements are caused by opportunity structures that are generated by media? Why? 10
	2020 Paper 1 - 8c Examine how social movements come to an end. Illustrate with examples. 10
	2024 Paper 1 - 6a Underline the role of social media in contemporary social movements and describe its challenges. 20
	2025 Paper 1 - 6c How can you assess the significance of social movements in the digital era? Explain.
REVOLUTION	2016 Paper 1 - 7c To what extent revolution replaces the existing order of society? Discuss. 10
MOBILIZATION	2025 Paper 2 - 5c Discuss the social bases of political mobilization in Independent India. Has some change occurred in these during the last 60-70 years?
RELIGION AND SOCIETY	
SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY ON RELIGION	2016 Paper 1 - 8b How is Durkheim's theory of religion different from Max Weber's theory of religion? 20
	2019 Paper 1 - 3b Are all world religions patriarchal? Substantiate your answer with examples. 20
	2021 Paper 1 - 5c Critically compare the views of E.B. Taylor and Max Muller on Religion. 10
	2023 Paper 1 - 5c What functions does religion perform in a pluralistic society? 10
	2025 Paper 1 - 7b How do theories of Marx, Weber and Durkheim differ in understanding religion? Explain.
TYPES, SECTS AND CULTS	2015 Paper 1 - 5c Distinguish between sects and cults with illustrations. 10
	2016 Paper 1 - 7a "Religious pluralism is the order of present-day societies." Explain by giving suitable examples. 20
	2017 Paper 1 - 8c Elaborate on various types of religious practices prevalent in Indian society. 10
	2020 State the reasons for the various religious beliefs and practices in pre-modern societies. 10
	2018 Paper 2 - 1e Discuss the growth of religious sects in India. 10
	2018 Paper 1 - 8b What are sects? Discuss their role in multi-religious societies with empirical examples. 20
	2021 What is cult? Explain the growth of cults in the contemporary world. 10
	2023 Paper 1 - 4c Highlight the differences and similarities between totemism and animism.
	2024 Paper 1 - 6c Discuss the concept of animism and differentiate it from naturism. 10
	2024 Paper 1 - 7b How do you understand the phenomena of the mushrooming of sects and cults in contemporary society? Discuss the factors responsible for the trend. 20
RELIGION AND SCIENCE	2013 Paper 1 - 5c "Science has empirical means to logical ends and religion has non-empirical means to logical ends." - Comment. 10
	2013 Paper 1 - 8c Is religion antithetical to science? Comment. 10
	2025 Paper 1 - 7c What is the nature of relationship between science and religion in modern society? Analyze with suitable examples.
SECULARIZATION	2015 Paper 1 - 7a Define Secularisation. What are its major dimensions in the modern world? 20
	2022 Paper 2 - 5b Examine different understandings of secularisation in India. 10
	2020 Paper 2 - 1e "Secularism was an outcome of 20th century humanistic radicalism." Comment on this statement. 10
	2017 Paper 1 - 7c Problematised the concept of secularism in the present context. 10
	2022 Paper 1 - 5d Write a note on global trends of secularization. 10
	2023 Paper 2 - 5b Examine the concept of "Cultural pluralism" in the context of India's unity in diversity. 20
	2023 Paper 2 - 6a How do you account for the increasing significance of religion in public and personal spheres in the context of secularization thesis in India? 20
	2024 Paper 1 - 7a Do modernization and secularization necessarily go together? Give your views. 20
RELIGIOUS FUNDAMENTALISM AND REVIVALISM	2013 Paper 2 - 8a Analyse the role of communalism in undermining democracy in India. 15
	2014 Paper 2 - 1a Gandhi's efforts on communal harmony. 10
	2014 Paper 1 - 7a How is religious revivalism different from communalism? Elaborate with suitable examples from the Indian context. 20
	2016 Paper 1 - 5c Is religion playing an important role in increasing fundamentalism? Give reasons for your answer. 10
	2016 Paper 2 - 3b Elucidate the concepts of 'majoritarianism' and 'minoritarianism' in accentuating communal tensions in India. 20
	2018 Paper 1 - 4c Discuss the challenges thrown by religious revivalism to a secular nation state. 10
	2021 Paper 1 - 6c Give your comments on the growth of religious revivalism in the present day context. 10
	2023 Paper 1 - 8b What are new religious movements? Elaborate emphasizing their forms and orientations. 20
	2015 Paper 2 - 7c To what extent the Muslim Personal Law Board is in agreement with Islamic feminist agenda? 10

RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES IN INDIA	2017 Paper 2 - 1c What are the distinct features of Islam as practised in India, and how have they changed over time ? 10
	2018 Paper 2 - 8c Assess the impact of ban on Triple Talak on marriage and divorce among the Muslim community in India. 10
	2015 Paper 2 - 4b What are the basic tenets of Hindu religion? Is Hinduism based on monotheism or polytheism? 20
	2019 Paper 2 - 2c Do you think that the Indian saints have brought about social reform and awareness in Indian society? Explain. 10
	2020 Paper 2 - 4c Write a note on 'cultural pluralism' in multi-religious society like India. 10
	2024 Paper 1 - 6b How does a multicultural society accommodate diversities of all kinds—ethnic, linguistic, and religious? Discuss its major challenges. 20
PROBLEM OF RELIGIOUS MINORITIES IN INDIA	2024 Paper 2 - 4a How do religious communities contribute to the cultural diversity of India? 20M
	2014 Paper 2 - 3b Discuss the problems of religious minorities in India. 20
	2018 Paper 2 - 4b Write a critical narrative on the concerns of religious minorities in India. 20
	2022 Paper 2 - 2c Discuss the problems of religious minorities in India and suggest measures to solve them. 10
	2019 Paper 2 - 4b How do you understand the 'minority' question ? Examine the violence and discrimination against the religious minorities in India. 20
SYSTEM OF KINSHIP { IN INDIA }	
TYPES OF KINSHIP	2014 Paper 2 - 1c Types of kinship systems in India. 10
	2021 Paper 2 - 1c Discuss different forms of kinship system in India. 10
REGIONAL VARIATIONS IN KINSHIP	2017 Paper 1 - 7b Discuss the regional variations of kinship system in Indian society. 20
	2015 Paper 2 - 2c Broadly compare the kinship system of North and South India. 10
	2017 Paper 2 - 3c Compare the North Indian Kinship System with the South Indian Kinship System. 10
	2019 Paper 1 - 4c What, according to Irawati Karve, are the Major difference between North Indian and South Indian Kinship system? 10
CHANGING PATTERNS IN KINSHIP	2020 Paper 1 - 3c Discuss the consequences of Across Region marriage on kinship system in modern Indian society. 10
	2021 Paper 1 - 8a Discuss the changing nature of kinship relations in the contemporary world. 20
	2023 Paper 1 - 3b How do you assess the changing patterns in kinship relations in societies today? 20
	2024 Paper 2 - 1d Do you think that family bondings are being affected by the changing kinship patterns in India? Comment
FAMILY , HOUSEHOLD AND MARRIAGE	2025 Paper 2 - 4 c What is kinship? Briefly explain G. P. Murdock's contribution to the study of the kinship system.
	2009 Paper 2 - Q8 Discuss the emerging forms of marriage and family with examples from the West and The East . Can there be family without marriage ? Examine. 60
	2013 Paper 1 - 1e Analyse the contemporary trends in family with examples. 10
	2013 Paper 1 - 7b Examine the emerging trends in marriage and family as a response to the changes in economic and social order. 20
	2014 Paper 1 - 1b How did the emergence of industrial society change the family life in Western Europe? 10
	2016 Paper 2 - 8b Examine the impact of industrialization and urbanization on family structure. 20
	2017 Paper 1 - 7a Examine the relationship between the contemporary trends in marriage and changing forms of family. 20
	2018 Paper 1 - 1e What are the new forms of family in developed societies? Discuss. 10
	2021 Paper 2 - 3c Discuss the changing dimensions of family structure in urban India. 10
	2023 Paper 2 - 2c Analyse the role of market and modern forces in understanding the changing trends in marriage systems in india.
	2015 Paper 2 - 2b Give some of the important studies relating to the structural changes in the Indian family system. 20
	2016 Paper 1 - 8c Distinguish between family and household as sociological concepts. 10
	2016 Paper 2 - 3a Bring out the significance of the difference between family and household. 20
	2017 Paper 2 - 3b Clarify the distinction between 'household' and 'family' and evaluate whether joint families have completely disintegrated. 20
	2018 Paper 1 - 6b Distinguish between family and household with reference to the concept of development of the household. 20
	2014 Paper 1 - 6b Critically examine the functionalist views on the institution of family. How do those help us in understanding family in the present times? 20
	2022 Paper 1 - 5b Discuss various theoretical perspectives on the family. 10
	2023 Paper 1 - 5d Analyze critically David Morgan's views on family practices. 10
	2024 Paper 1 - 1e What are the 'basic and irreducible' functions of the family as proposed by Talcott Parsons? Explain. 10
	2024 Paper 1 - 8a Modern families have not just become nuclear and neo-local, but also heliocentric. How do you explain this trend? 20
2020 Paper 2 - 4b Analyze household dimensions of family in India. 20	
2014 Paper 1 - 6c What do you understand by institutionalization of 'live-in relationship'? 10	

	2019 Paper 1 - 8a In the light of judicial intervention on 'Live-in relationships', discuss the future of marriage and family in India. 20
	2018 Paper 2 - 3c Illustrate the importance of "Kanyadaan" and "Kulabadhu" in changing institutions of marriage and family. 10
	2020 Paper 1 - 5e Does the institution of marriage continue to be sacred in Indian society ? Comment. 10
	2024 Paper 1 - 1c Marriage as an institution has undergone a radical transformation from 'ritual' to 'commercial' in its outlook. Explain the factors behind this change. 10
	2024 Paper 2 - 3a Why is the study of marriage important in Sociology? Analyse the implications of changing marriage patterns for Indian society. 20M
	2025 Paper 2 - 2c How same sex marriages are responsible for population dynamics in India? Discuss. 10
LINEAGE AND DESCENT IN INDIA	2020 Paper 2 - 4a Discuss the conceptual issues about lineage and descent in India. Give suitable illustrations. 20
	2015 Paper 1 - 6c How do the rules of descent and alliance in kinship differ from each other? Illustrate. 10
	2023 Paper 2 - 3b Define concept of Descent and Alliance. Differentiate between North Indian and South Indian Kinship systems with examples.
Patriarchy, Entitlements, Sexual Division of Labor & Violence against women	2013 Paper 1 - 4b Is patriarchy a universal phenomenon ? Critically examine how does patriarchy affect sexual division of labour in societies. 20
	2014 Paper 2 - 2c Define Patriarchy. How does it impact the overall entitlement of a girl child in India? 10
	2015 Paper 2 - 3b What is patriarchy? How does it affect the child socialization pattern in India? 20
	2016 Paper 2 - 1e Patriarchy as a form of dominance. 10
	2016 Paper 1 - 5d To what extent is patriarchy a cause for the problems of women? Discuss. 10
	2017 Paper 1 - 5d Examine ' patriarchal bargain ' as gendered division of work in contemporary India. 10
	2018 Paper 1 - 3b Define patriarchy. How does patriarchy manifest in interpersonal relations ? 20
	2018 Paper 2 - 8b Western patriarchy which surrenders feminine principles is the new development project in India. Do you agree with this view? Why? 20
	2019 Paper 2 - 4a Define patriarchy. Does it have bearings on women's entitlement in Indian family system ? Explain. 20
	2021 Paper 1 - 7a Explain how the pattern of patriarchy is being altered in a family and at the workplace in the present context. 20
	2023 Paper 1 - 5e Does women's education help to eradicate patriarchal discriminations? Reflect with illustrations.
	2022 Paper 1 - 8c How do you understand the relationship between patriarchy and social development ? 10
	2013 Paper 1 - 5e Analyse the gender bias in the present society with examples. 10
	2022 Paper 2 - 3b Discuss the material basis of Patriarchy as an ideological system. 20
	2023 Paper 2 - 8a Explain the thematic linkages between Patriarchy and Honour Killing in India, citing some recent cases.
	2013 Paper 2 - 7b Discuss the problems of working women in India. 20
	2019 Paper 2 - 8b What is POSH Act? "Identification of tormentor by women at workplace does not come easily even today". Examine the statement with substantive examples from India. 20
	2022 Paper 1 - 5c Explain the implications of feminization of work in the developing societies. 10
	2021 Paper 2 - 8c Does "economic empowerment" automatically bring about "substantive empowerment" for women ? Briefly describe the main issues in women empowerment in India. 10
	2020 Paper 1 - 8b What is the impact of gender division of labour on the development of society? 20
	2019 Paper 1 - 2c What is 'reserve army of labour' ? Present the position of feminist scholars on this. 10
	2014 Paper 2 - 7b What are the possible underlying causes of the spurt of increased violence against women in public spaces in the last decade. ? 20
	2017 Paper 2 - 5a What are the reasons for the escalation of violence against women in the public domain ? 10
	2015 Paper 2 - 6c How serious is the problem of trafficking against women and children in India? 10
	2014 Paper 2 - 5b Domestic Violence Act, 2005. 10
	2015 Paper 1 - 5d Is male authority absent in matrilineal society? Discuss. 10
	2019 Paper 1 - 7b Feminist scholars argue that 'New media' is masculine and hence reinforces structural hierarchies rather than reconfiguring them. Comment. 20
	2016 Paper 2 - 4b Comment on the factors behind the changing status of women in urban India. 20
	2022 Paper 2 - 1e Explain Leela Dube's concept of "Seed and Earth". 10
	2018 Paper 2 - 4c Discuss the issues relating to the entitlement of transgender in the Indian society. 10
	2019 Paper 2 - 4c What do you understand by LGBTQ ? Comment on the issues concerning their marriage rights. 10
	2024 Paper 2 - 1c Is patriarchy a key to understanding different forms of inequalities in Indian society? Elaborate.

	2024 Paper 2 - 7b To what extent have the legal provisions been effective in curbing violence against women in India? Give your argument. (20M)
WOMEN MOVEMENT	2014 Paper 2 - 6b Discuss the 'Chipko movement' as an example of eco-feminism. 20
	2014 Paper 2 - 6a What are the main features of the second wave of Women's movement in the Indian context ? 20
	2017 Paper 2 - 7a Despite gains from the women's movement and state policy of women empowerment, gender equality is far from achieved. Identify two major challenges that prevent this goal from being reached. 20
	2018 Paper 2 - 5e Elaborate the "Me Too" Movement and its impact in India. 10
CASTE SYSTEM	
PERSPECTIVES OF CASTE	2021 Paper 2 - 1a Caste system studies in India have been dominated by the "book-view" initially. How did the entry of "field-view" bring about a balance in the study of Indian caste system ? Discuss. 10
	2019 Paper 2 - 1d Write a note on Ghurye's conception of caste in India. 10 Marks
	2015 Paper 2 - 5e How far Srinivas's Sanskritization is modernizing force or traditionalizing force in understanding the changes in caste system? 10
	2017 Paper 2 - 4a Explain the concepts of ' dominant caste' and 'vote bank', giving examples from specific regions. 20
	2023 Paper 2 - 3c Critically examine the concept of Sanskritization with suitable illustrations.
	2013 Paper 2 - 3b Critically evaluate Louis Dumont's Homo Hierarchicus. 20
	2015 Paper 2 - 1c Louis Dumont's perspective on Indian caste system . 10
	2020 Paper 2 - 1c How do you justify Dumont's deliberate stress on ideology that produced intellectualized account of Indian society? 10
	2023 Paper 2 - 3a Contextualize Louis Dumont's concept of binary opposition with reference to caste system in India. 20
	2017 Paper 2 - 1b Which is more significant, the principle of 'hierarchy' or the principle of 'difference', in intercaste relations in the present day? 10
	2018 Paper 2 - 3a What do you understand by discrete castes and muddled hierarchies? Substantiate your answer with suitable illustrations. 20
	2017 Paper 2 - 2c What are the changes in the cultural and structural aspects of the caste system since independence ? 10
	2022 Paper 2 - 2b Elaborate on the changing nature of caste system with suitable illustrations. 20
	2023 Paper 2 - 1c Analyse the differences between the attributional and interactional approach in studying the caste system. 10
FEATURES OF CASTE SYSTEM	2014 Paper 2 - 1d Features of caste system. 10
	2015 Paper 2 - 2a Is caste system changing, weakening or disintegrating in India? 20
	2016 Paper 2 - 2a How has B.R. Ambedkar identified the features of caste system ? How is it different from the mainstream treatment of caste features ? 20
	2020 Paper 2 - 2a "Indian caste system is unique and has been unhealthy for the growth of sociology of India." How far do you agree with this view? 20
	2020 Paper 2 - 2b Discuss Whitehead's contention that caste has potential to displace class and colonial contradiction. 20
	2021 Paper 2 - 1e Caste-like formations are present in Non-Hindu religious communities as well. Discuss with examples. 10
	2024 Paper 2 - 1a What, according to you, are the factors responsible for the continuance of caste system in India? Explain. 10
UNTOUCHABILITY FORMS AND PERSPECTIVES	2013 Paper 2 - 1c Satya Sodhak movement of Mahatma Jyotiba Phule. 10
	2013 Paper 2 - 2a What are the main features of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's views on annihilation of caste ? 20
	2021 Paper 2 - 1b What does Dr. B. R. Ambedkar mean by the concept of "Annihilation of caste" ? 10
	2015 Paper 2 - 7a Discuss B.R. Ambedkar as a wise democrat. 20
	2018 Paper 2 - 5a Elaborate the concept of constitutional morality as given by B R Ambedkar. 10
	2015 Paper 2 - 8a Analyze Gandhi as a moralist, ascetic and man of action through his Hind Swaraj. 20
	2015 Paper 2 - 1d How far Gandhi ji was trusted by the untouchables. 10
	2017 Paper 2 - 1d How have the struggles against untouchability changed their forms and perspectives from Gandhian to Ambedkarite positions? 10
	2021 Paper 2 - 4c What are the various forms of untouchability in India ? Critically examine. 10
	2022 Paper 2 - 3c Explain different forms of untouchability in India. 10
	2024 Paper 2 - 4c What are the different forms of untouchability still practised in India? Discuss with suitable illustrations. 10
	2013 Paper 2 - 1e Other Backward Classes. 10
	2017 Paper 2 - 5c Give an account of the problems relating to the "creamy layer". 10
	2014 Paper 2 - 8a Many caste conflicts are between castes which are close to each other on the hierarchical scale.' Give a sociological explanation for this phenomenon. 20
	2015 Paper 1 - 7c Caste ideology appears to have strengthened democracy .Comment. 10
	2018 Paper 2 - 7a Has Caste system hindered democracy and adult franchise in India? Discuss. 20
2016 Paper 2 - 3c Comment on the increasing significance of caste in politics. 10	

BACKWARD CLASSES AND DALIT MOVEMENTS & CASTE CONFLICTS	2019 Paper 2 - 2b What is caste politics? Substantiate your answer with examples of how identities are defined by caste dynamics. 20
	2014 Paper 1 - 8c What do you understand by social movement? How has the mobilization by Scheduled Castes helped them in constructing a new identity? 10
	2013 Paper 2 - 8b What is the Dalit movement ? Examine the issues highlighted by it. 20
	2014 Paper 2 - 5c Dynamics of Contemporary Dalit movements. 10
	2021 Paper 2 - 2a What is identity politics ? Discuss the main trends in Dalit movements in India. 20
	2022 Paper 2 - 8a Bring out the various issues involved in Dalit movements in India. 20
	2016 Paper 1 - 6c Examine the role of protest movements in changing the status of Dalits in India. 10
	2016 Paper 2 - 5c Different forms of Dalit assertion. 10
	2018 (Paper 2 - 7b) Elaborate various form of Dalit assertions in contemporary India. What are its implications on the Indian political system ? . 20
	2023 Paper 2 - 7a Do you think that decades of Dalit political mobilizations and movements have helped in strenghtening indian's democracy? Substantiate your arguments with facts. 20
	2024 Paper 2 - 7c Trace the social and historical origins of Dalit movements in modern India. 10
	2025 Paper 2 - 6c Which measures would you suggest for preventing caste conflicts in India ? Justify your argument.10
	2025 Paper 2 - 7c How Dalit movements in India have facilitated their Identity formation? Analyze. 10
THINKERS	
KARL MARX	
HISTORICAL MATERIALISM	2013 Paper 1 - 2c Analyse the salient features of historical materialism. 10
	2017 Paper 1 - 3b Analyse Marxian conception of historical materialism as a critique of Hegelian dialectics. 20
	2023 Paper 1 - 2b What is historical materialism? Examine its relevance in understanding contemporary societies. 20
	2025 Paper 1- 2b Highlight the main features of historical materialism as propounded by Marx. How far is this theory relevant in understanding contemporary societies? Explain.
MODE OF PRODUCTION	2016 Paper 1 - 1d Evaluate Marx's ideas on mode of production. 10
	2021 Paper 1 - 3b Critically examine the dialectics involved in each mode of production as propounded by Karl Marx. 20
CLASS STRUGGLE	1991 Paper 1 - xx 'The history of the hitherto existing societies is the history of class struggles.' Critically comment on this Marxian thesis. 20
	2014 Paper 1 - 5a For Marx, class divisions are outcomes of 'exploitation'. Discuss. 10
	2020 Paper 1 - 8a How does Marx view social conflict as an essential element in social change ? 20
ALIENATION	2012 Paper 1 - xx Sometimes workers do not feel attachment for their work. Marx formed a theory for this situation, discuss that theory. 20
	2018 Paper 1 - 4a According to Marx, how are human beings alienated from their human potential and what does he suggest to change this ? 20
	2020 Paper 1 - 7c Critically assess the Marxian theory of 'Alienation,. 10
	2014 Paper 1 - 7c According to Marx, capitalism transforms even the personal relationships between men and women. Critically examine with illustrations from the contemporary Indian context. 10
	2019 Paper 1 - 1c What is the Marxist concept of 'fetishism of commodities'? 10
	2022 Paper 1 - 4a What characterizes degradation of work in capitalist society according to Marx? 20
2024 Paper 1 - 3c Critically explain the salient features of 'alienation' as propounded by Karl Marx. 10	
EMILE DURKHEIM	
DIVISION OF LABOUR	2013 Paper 1 - 3a Compare Karl Marx with Emile Durkheim with reference to the framework of 'division of labour'. 20
	2014 Paper 1 - 2b Identify the similarities and differences between Marx's theory of 'alienation' and Durkheim's theory of 'anomie'. 20
	2021 Paper 1 - 1d Explain whether Durkheim's theory of Division of Labour is relevant in the present day context. 10
SOCIAL FACT	2002 Paper 1 Examine the nature of social facts as understood by Durkheim. 20
	2012 Paper 1 Social fact is to be treated as things. Discuss. 10
	2020 Paper 1 - 5c What are the problems in observing social facts in Durkheim's views? 10
	2022 Paper 1 - 1d Durkheim argued that society is more than the sum of individual acts. Discuss. 10
2024 Paper 1 - 5a Describe various characteristics of a 'social fact.' How is the rate of suicide a social fact according to Durkheim? 10	
SUICIDE	2017 Paper 1 - 3a Discuss distinct sociological method adopted by Emile Durkheim in his study of 'suicide'. 20
	2018 Paper 1 - 2b Explain Durkheim's basic arguments on suicide. Can. you analyse high suicide rates of contemporary Indian society with Durkheim's theory ? 20

RELIGION AND SOCIETY	2012 Paper 1 - 2b "Show how Durkheim through the study of totemism demonstrates the reality of religion. 20
	2014 Paper 1 - 5e "According to Durkheim, the essence of religion in modern society is the same as religion in primitive society." Comment. 10
	2015 Paper 1 - 8c Elaborate the views of Durkheim on "The Elementary Forms of Religious Life". 10
	2020 Paper 1 - 3b Critically analyse Durkheim's views on elementary forms of religious life and role of religion. Also discuss the consequences of religious revivalism in contemporary society. 20
	2017 Paper 1 - 5c Give an assessment of Durkheimian notion of 'sacred' and 'profane' in sociology of religion. 10
	2018 Paper 1 - 8c In what way did Durkheim perceive religion as functional to society ? 10
	2022 Paper 1 - 5a Critically examine the relevance of Durkheim's views on religion in contemporary society. 10
MAX WEBER	
SOCIAL ACTION	1988 Paper 1 In what respects do you think Weber's conception of sociology differs from that of Durkheim? Which one of the two is more satisfactory? Substantiate your answer. 20
IDEAL TYPES	2020 Paper 1 - 1d Ideal Types' of Max Weber are mental constructs, they do not correspond to the reality. Give your views. 10
AUTHORITY	2015 Paper 1 - 1d Which concepts did Weber use to analyse the forms of legitimate domination? 10
	2024 Paper 1 - 5d How is 'power' different from 'authority'? Discuss various types of authorities as theorized by Max Weber. 10
BUREAUCRACY	2013 Paper 1 - 3c Examine the salient features of Weberian bureaucracy. 10
	2014 Paper 1 - 4a How does Weber use the notion of 'ideal types' in his theory of bureaucracy? 20
	2021 Paper 1 - 3c Do you agree with Max Weber's idea that bureaucracy has the potential to become an iron cage? Justify your answer. 10
	2023 Paper 1 - 3c Is Weber's idea of Bureaucracy a product of the historical experiences of Europe? Comment. 10
PESC	2015 Paper 1 - 2a Discuss the role of Calvinist ethic in the development of Capitalism. 20
	2018 Paper 1 - 1b Distinguish between fact and value in Weber's Protestant Ethic and Spirit of Capitalism. 10
	2024 Paper 1 - 3b Describe the main idea of Max Weber's book, 'The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism,' as a critique of Marxism. 20
VERSTEHEN	2025 Paper 1 - 5d How does Weber's Verstehen address the objectivity-subjectivity debate in sociology? 10
GH MEAD	
SELF	2013 Paep 1 - 3b Critically analyse the contributions of G.H. Mead to 'symbolic interactionism'. 20
	2014 Paper 1 - 4c Using Mead's theory of symbolic interactionism, discuss the stages in the formation of gender identity. 10
	2015 Paper 1 - 2c "Self and society are twin-born " Examine the statement of Mead. 10
	2018 Paper 1 - 1c Do you think I and Me are central terms in Mead's work ? 10
	2019 Paper 1 - 2a According to Mead, "We play a key role in our own socialization." Explain. 20
	2022 Paper 1 - 6a According to Mead the idea of self develops when the individual becomes self-conscious. Explain. 20
	2024 Paper 1 - 5b Explain G.H. Mead's idea of development of 'self through the 'generalised other.' 10
TALCOT PARSONS	
SOCIAL SYSTEM	2010 Paper 1 Write short note on Talcott Parsons' idea of 'moving equilibrium'. 10
	2010 Paper 1 Write short note on Cybernetic Hierarchy of Control. 10
	2013 Paper 1 - 6c Examine the relevance of Parsonian Social System in the present society. 10
	2015 Paper 1 - 4b How is social equilibrium maintained in Parsonian framework? 20
	2016 Paper 1 - 2b Describe the functional prerequisites of social system as given by Talcott Parsons. Examine in the context of a university as a social system . 20
	2018 Paper 1 - 7a How can Parsons, AGIL framework be used to-analyse key problems in a society ? Discuss . 20
	2022 Paper 1 - 7a Critically analyse Parsons views on society as a social system. 20
PATTERN VARIABLES	2011 Paper 1 - xx Give conceptual meaning of social system. What is cognitive consonance between 'pattern variables' and 'paradigm'. 20
	2017 Paper 1 - 1d Critically analyse Talcott Parsons' conception of ' Pattern Variables'. 10
	2020 Paper 1 - 1e Analyse the relevance of 'Pattern variables' in the study of social change. 10
RK MERTON	
LATENT AND MENIFEST FUNCTIONS	2014 Paper 1 - 3c Using Merton's concepts of 'manifest' and 'latent' functions, explain the persistence of corruption in Indian society. 10
	2016 Paper 1 - 3a Analyze the manifest and latent functions of 'security of the tenure of bureaucrats' in the light of Merton's theory. 20
	2019 Paper 1 - 3c What, according to Merton, is the difference between 'unanticipated consequences' and 'latent functions' ? Give examples to elaborate. 10

	2020 Paper 1 - 2a What are the reactions of R.K. Merton to the functionalism of social anthropologists? Bring out the limitations of latent functions. 20
CONFORMITY AND DEVIANCE	2014 Paper 1 - 2c How could one use Merton's concept of deviance to understand the traffic problem in urban India? 10
	2015 Paper 1 - 4c "Anomie is rooted in social structure." Explain with reference to R.K. Merton's contribution. 10
	2018 Paper 1 - 3c What is the difference between anomie in Merton and Durkheim? Explain. 10
	2022 Paper 1 - 3b Critically examine how Durkheim and Merton explicate Anomie. 20
	2019 Paper 1 - 8b How, according to Merton, are deviant subcultures generated? 20
	2021 Paper 1 - 4c With suitable examples, explain how conformity and deviance coexist in a society as propounded by R.K. Merton. 10
REFERENCE GROUP	2014 Paper 1 - 1e How can we use reference group theory to understand fashion in society? 10
	2025 Paper 1 - 1d Can Merton's reference group theory be relevant in understanding identity making' in digital world? Explain.
	2023 Paper 1 - 1d Is reference group theory a universally applicable model? Elucidate
COMPARISON B/W THINKERS	
2025 Paper - 17b How do theories of Marx, Weber and Durkheim differ in understanding religion? Explain.	
2013 Paper 1 - 3a Compare Karl Marx with Emile Durkheim with reference to the framework of 'division of labour'. 20	
2014 Paper 1 - 2b Identify the similarities and differences between Marx's theory of 'alienation' and Durkheim's theory of 'anomie'. 20	
2024 Paper 1 - 3b Describe the main idea of Max Weber's book, 'The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism,' as a critique of Marxism. 20	
PERSPECTIVES ON STUDY OF INDIAN SOCIETY	
INDOLOGY GS GHURE	2014 Paper 2 - 1e G.S. Ghurye's Indological approach to understand society in India. 10
	2018 Paper 1 - 1a Write a note on G. S. Ghurye's Indological perspective of understanding Indian society. 10
	2022 Paper 2 - 2a Critically examine GS Ghurye's Indological approach to the understanding of Indian society. 20
	2024 Paper 2 - 2a Differentiate between 'Western' and 'Indological' perspectives on the study of Indian society. Bring out the major aspects of G. S. Ghurye's contribution to 'Indological' approach. 20
	2025 Paper 1 - 1e How would you appropriate to characterise G. S. Ghurye as a practitioner of 'theoretical pluralism'?
STRUCTURAL FUNCTIONALISM MN SRINIVAS	2013 Paper 2 - 1b M.N. Srinivas's concept of westernisation. 10
	2013 Paper 2 - 3c What are the features of M.N. Srinivas' concept of dominant caste? How effective is it in understanding today's reality? 10
	2017 Paper 2 - 1a Write a critique of the structural and functional perspective used by M.N. Srinivas in the understanding of Indian society. 10
	2022 Paper 2 - 1a Elaborate on MN Srinivas's structural-functionalist approach to the study of Indian society. 10
MARXISTS AR DESAI	2016 Paper 2 - 1a Salient features of A.R. Desai's Marxist Sociology. 10
	2020 Paper 2 - 1a Elaborate A. R. Desai's perspective to the study of Indian society. 10
	2018 Paper 2 - 2a Analyse AR Desai's views on India's path of development. 20
	2023 Paper 2 - 1a Highlight the significant features of A R Desai's dialectical perspective to study Indian society.
STRATIFICATION AND MOBILITY	
EQUALITY AND INEQUALITY	2016 Paper 2 - 6b Discuss the emerging forms of 'inequalities' and 'acute poverty' as major challenges of social transformation in India. 20
	2018 Paper 1 - 1d What is the difference between natural and social inequality? Give examples from caste and class dimensions. 10
	2019 Paper 1 - 6c What is affirmative action? Substantiate theoretical positions on affirmative actions with example. 10
HIERARACHY	2021 Paper 2 - 2b Is Indian society moving from "Hierarchy" towards "differentiation"? Illustrate your answer with suitable examples. 20
	2024 Paper 1 - 7c Discuss the dimensions of power in the construction and maintenance of social hierarchies in a society. 10
EXCLUSION	2013 Paper 1 - 5a Distinguish between people being socially excluded and people excluding themselves socially in societies. 10
	2020 Paper 1 - 2b How are Hierarchy and Exclusion the major impediments in the transformation of societies? Discuss. 20
POVERTY AND DEPRIVATION	2013 Paper 2 - 6c Explain the inter-linkages between poverty, deprivation and inequality. 15
	2014 Paper 2 - 7c How do caste and class come together in creating the category of extreme poor? 10
	2015 Paper 2 - 1e Feminization of poverty. 10
	2016 Paper 1 - 4c Discuss the relationship between poverty and social exclusion. 10
	2017 Paper 1 - 1e Can we equate 'poverty' with 'poor living'? Elaborate your answer. 10

DEPRIVATION	2023 Paper 1 - 4b How is poverty a form of social exclusion? Illustration in this connection the different dimensions of poverty and social exclusion.
	2025 Paper 1 - 3a Compare capability deprivation approach with that of social capital deprivation in understanding chronic poverty. 20
	2025 Paper 1 - 8c What are the Indian government's schemes launched for poverty alleviation after the United Nation's Declaration of 'Sustainable Development Goals - 2015' ? Briefly describe. 10
STRUCTURAL FUNCTIONALIST THEORY	2016 Paper 1 - 2a Elucidate the basic premises of Davis' structural-functional theory of social stratification. How far is it relevant in understanding contemporary Indian society? 20
	2019 Paper 1 - 1b Davis and Moore made it clear that social stratification is a functional necessity and also an unconscious device. Discuss. 10
	2018 Paper 1 - 2c Evaluate if social stratification is functional for society. 10
	2025 Paper 1 - 5b Does the structural-functionalist perspective on social stratification promote a status quo? Give reasons for your answer.
	2022 Paper 1 - 4b Social stratification is claimed to contribute to the maintenance of social order and stability in society. Critically assess. 20
INTERPRETATIVISTS	2014 Paper 1 - 3b 'According to Max Weber, 'class' and 'status' are two different dimensions of power.' Discuss. 20
	2021 Paper 1 - 1e Critically examine Max Weber's theory of Social Stratification. 10
	2013 Paper 1 - 6a How do Karl Marx and Max Weber differ in terms of their analysis of social stratification ? 20
	2015 Paper 1 - 3b Differentiate between Marxian and Weberian theories of Social stratification. 20
	2017 Paper 1 - 4a What is Weberian critique of Marxist notion of social stratification ? 20
	2019 Paper 1 - 4b Compare and contrast the contributions of Marx and Weber on social stratification in capitalist society. 20
	2023 Paper 1 - 6b Explain Max Weber's theory of social stratification. How does Weber's idea of class differ from that of Marx?
MARXIAN	CAN BE ASKED IN UPCOMING YEARS
CLASS	2013 Paper 2 - 1a Andre Beteille's definition of class. 10
	2019 Paper 2 - 3c Give an account of Ranajit Guha's approach in studying 'subaltern class'. 10
	2019 Paper 1 - 4a Modernization presupposes class society; however caste, ethnicity and race are still predominant. Explain. 20
STATUS	2019 Paper 1 - 5a Differentiate between 'Life-chances' and 'Life-style' with suitable examples. 10
	2024 Paper 1 - 1b Analyse the changing nature of caste as a status group. 10
GENDER	2014 Paper 1 - 3a What do you understand by gender? How does it shape 'male' identity? 20
	2017 Paper 1 - 4b Examine gender, ethnicity and race as major dimensions of social stratification. 20
	2017 Paper 2 - 8b What, according to you, are the two fundamental axes of social discrimination in Indian society ? Are they changing ? 20
	2019 Paper 1 - 6a Why is gender a dimension of social stratification ? How does gender intersect other dimensions of inequality based on caste, class, race and ethnicity ? 20
	2022 Paper 1 - 1e How do sociologists construct gender in their analysis on social inequality? 10
2025 Paper 1 - 1e Is the social stratification theory gender-blind? Elucidate.10	
ETNICITY	
RACE	2023 Paper 1 - 1e Do you think that the boundary line between ethnicity and race is blurred? Justify your answer 10
MOBILITY	2013 Paper 1 - 4a How are open and closed systems of stratification undergoing 'transformation in the emergence of new hierarchical social-order in societies ? 20
	2015 Paper 1 - 1e "No society can either be absolutely open or absolutely closed." comment. 10
	2016 Paper 1 - 1e "Vertical mobility brings structural change even in a closed social system." Comment. 10
	2018 Paper 1 - 5e Is social mobility possible in closed systems of stratification ? Illustrate from research work. 10
	2020 Paper 1 - 4c Critically assess social mobility in closed and open systems. 10
	2022 Paper 1 - 2c Discuss social mobility in open and closed systems. 10
2024 Paper 1 - 2c What is social mobility? Critically examine the classification of 'closed' and 'open' models of social stratification. 10	
POPULATION DYNAMICS	
MIGRATION	2014 Paper2 - 3a Give a sociological analysis of the problems of migrant urban poor. 20
	2018 Paper 2 - 8a What are the issues relating to male migration and its impact on birthrate? Does it necessarily result in skewed sex ratio ? 20
	2020 Paper 2 - 3b Discuss the dynamics of 'migrant workers' in India in the context of Corona pandemic. 20
	2021 Paper 1 - 6a Elucidate the main problems and challenges faced by the migrant labourers in the recent 'Lockdown period'. 20
	2021 Paper 2 - 4a What are the sociological reasons and implication of "reverse migration" during the recent pandemic in India ? 20
	2022 Paper 2 - 7b Discuss recent trends in the structure of migration. 20
	2023 Paper 2 - 7b What is reverse migration? Discuss its features , causes and consequences in India.

PLANNING	2020 Paper 2 - 8b What were the salient features of the India's Population Policy (2000)? How far its goals have been achieved? 20
AGEING	2014 Paper 2 - 7a What are the demographic projection for the ageing population (60+) for the next decade ? What are the implications for formulating policy for them? 20
	2015 Paper 2 - 3c Discuss the problems of elderly in India. What are the different perspectives to solve their problems? 10
	2016 Paper 2 -8c How is ageing becoming an emerging issue in Indian society ? 10
	2019 Paper 2- 8a Why has 'Active aging' become a global goal? Do you agree that the role of elderly care-giving is disproportionately gendered in developing countries? Why? 20
	2021 Paper 2 - 6b Is 'ageing' an emerging issue in Indian society ? Discuss the major problems of the old age people in India. 20
	2023 Paper 2 - 8c What is Ageing? Discuss the major problems of aged people in India. 10
	2025 Paper 1 - 7a What are the Private and Public network and support systems operative in Indian society for the aged? Suggest measures to curb down the challenges before care givers of the aged.
SEX RATIO	2013 Paper 2- 5e Sex Ratio. 10
	2015 Paper 2 - 4c Why is it necessary to implement PCPNDT Act in India? 10
	2016 Paper 2 - 5e Differential sex-ratio and its implications. 10
	2017 Paper 2 - 6c What are the causes and solutions for the low female sex-ratio in the DEMARU States of Punjab, Haryana, Himachal and Gujarat ? 10
	2021 Paper 2 - 6c Underline the socio-cultural factors responsible for India's skewed sex ratio. 10
2023 Paper 2 - 5e Discuss the nature of regional variations in sex ratio in india, stating reasons thereof	
CHILD MORTALITY	2013 Paper 2- 7c What are the main causes of female mortality in India ? 15
	2014 Paper 2 - 5a Trends of Infant Mortality Rate among females. 10
REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH	2017 Paper 2- 5e What are the emerging concerns on women's reproductive health? 10
	2024 Paper 2 - 6a Discuss the major challenges related to women's reproductive health in India. What measures would you suggest to overcome these challenges? 20
SOCIOLOGY AS SCIENCE	
SCIENCE	2015 PaPer 1 - 1e Is sociology a science? Give reasons for your answer. 10
	2020 Paper 1 - 1b Is sociology a value-free science? Discuss. 10
	2025 Paper 1 - 6 a What is science? Do you think that the methods used in natural sciences can be applied to sociology? Give reasons for your answer.
SCIENTIFIC METHOD AND ITS CRITIQUE	2016 Paper 1 - 3b Describe the basic postulates of scientific method. How far are these followed in sociological research? 20
	2018 Paper 1 - 5c Does scientific method make Sociology a science ? Illustrate your answer with Durkheim's method. 10
	2023 Paper 1 - 3a What are the characteristics of scientific method? Do you think that scientific method in conducting sociological research is foolproof. Elaborate. 20
MAJOR THEORETICAL STRANDS IN RESEARCH METHODOLOGY	2018 Paper 1 - 6c Explain with examples, the explanatory and exploratory designs of social research. 10
	2020 Paper 1 - 1c Methodology is a system of rules, principles and procedures, which forms scientific investigation. Comment. 10
	2023 Paper 1 - 1a What is the distinctiveness of the feminist method of social research? Comment.
POSITIVISM	2025 Paper 1 - 2a What is positivism? Critically analyze the major arguments against it. 20
FUNCTIONALISM	2013 Paper 1 - 2b Critically examine the functionalist tradition in Sociology. 20
	2018 Paper 1 - 3a Does collapse of functionalism and bankruptcy of Marxism coincide with the rupture of modernity ?! Discuss. 20
RESEARCH METHODS	
QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE	2016 Paper 1 - 1c Analyze the importance of qualitative method in social research. 10
	2017 Paper 1 - 3c Examine epistemological foundations of qualitative methods of social research. 10
	2023 Paper 1 - 6a What are the different dimensions of qualitative method? Do you think that qualitative methods helps to gain a deeper sociological insight? Give reasons for your answer.
	2018 Paper 1 - 5d Distinguish between quantitative and qualitative techniques of data collection with suitable examples from Indian society. 10
	2021 Paper1 - 3a How do qualitative and quantitative methods supplement each other in sociological enquiry ? 20
	2024 Paper 1 - 4a What do you understand by 'mixed method'? Discuss its strengths and limitations in social research. 20
TECHNIQUES OF DATA COLLECTION	2014 Paper 1 - 2a Which research technique would be most suitable for the study of consumer behaviour and its social correlates? Explain. 20
	2018 Paper 1 - 8a "The sociological imagination enables us to grasp history and biography and the relationship between the two in a society." - C W Mills. Explain. 20
	2022 Paper 1 - 1c The difference between information and data in social science is subtle. Comment. 10
PRIMARY AND SECONDARY DATA	

OBSERVATION { QUALITATIVE }	2016 Paper 1 - 4b "Participant observation is the most effective tool for collecting facts." Comment. 20
	2019 Paper 1 - 2b Bring out the significance of Ethnography in social research. 20
	2023 Paper 1 - 6c What are the ethical issues that a researcher faces in making use of participant observation as a method of collecting data? Explain. 20
	2024 Paper 1 - 3a How do you view and assess the increasing trend of digital ethnography and use of visual culture in sociological research? 20
HISTORIC ANALYSIS	2015 Paper 1 - 1b Discuss the relevance of historical method in the study of society. 10
FOCUS GROUP TECHNIQUE	2022 Paper 1 - 3c Suggest measures to minimize the influence of the researcher in the process of collecting data through focus group discussion. 10
SURVEY {QUANTITATIVE}	2020 Paper 1 - 6c Analyse the strengths and weaknesses of social survey method in social research. 10
	2021 Paper 1-1c Discuss the challenges involved in collecting data through census method. 10
BIOGRAPHICAL RESEARCH	2014 Paper 1 - 1d In what way biographies could be used to study social life? 10
VARIABLES	2015 Paper 1 - 1c What are variables? Discuss their role in experimental research. 10
	2017 Paper 1 - 1c Illustrate with example the significance of variables in sociological research. 10
	2023 Paper 1 - 2c What are variables? How do they facilitate research?
	2025 Paper 1 - 1c What is a variable in social research? What are their different types? Elaborate. 10
SAMPLING	2015 Paper 1 - 3a Why is random sampling said to have more reliability and validity in research? 20
	2019 Paper 1 - 1e Explain the probability sampling strategies with examples. 10
	2022 Paper 1 - 2b Explain the different types of non-probability sampling techniques. Bring out the conditions of their usage with appropriate examples. 20
	2025 Paper 1 - 7a What is sampling in the context of social research? Discuss different forms of sampling with their relative advantages and disadvantages.
HYPOTHESIS	2016 Paper 1 - 3c "Hypothesis is a statement of the relationship between two or more variables." Elucidate by giving example of poverty and illiteracy. 10
	2020 Paper 1 - 5b Discuss the importance and sources of hypothesis in social research. 10
	2025 Paper 1 - 3c What is hypothesis? Critically evaluate the significance of hypothesis in social research
RELIEBLITY AND VALIDITY	2017 Paper 1 - 4c How can one resolve the issue of reliability and validity in the context of sociological research on inequality ? 10
	2022 Paper 1 - 4c What is Reliability? Explain the different tests available to social science researcher to establish reliability. 10
	2025 Paper 1 - 2c What do you mean by reliability? Discuss the importance of reliability in social science research.
POSITIVISM AND ITS CRITIQUE	2013 Paper 1 - 1c Critically examine positivistic approach in sociological studies. 10
	2017 Paper 1 - 2b Examine the basic postulates of positivism and post-positivism. 20
	2021 Paper 1 - 2b How far are sociologists justified in using positivist approach to understand social reality ? Explain with suitable illustrations. 20
	2022 Paper 1 - 3a What are the shortfalls of positivistic philosophy that gave to the non positivist methods of studying social reality ? 20
FACT VALUE AND OBJECTIVITY	2014 Paper 1 - 1a How is objectivity different from value neutrality? Discuss with reference to Weber's views on methodology. 10
	2015 Paper 1 - 2b Examine the problems of maintaining objectivity and value neutrality in social science research. 20
	2016 Paper 1 - 4a Examine Max Weber's method of maintaining objectivity in social research. 20
	2022 Paper 1 - 1b How does a researcher achieve objectivity in interpretative research ? 10
	2016 Paper 1 - 1b What is 'value-free sociology'? Clarify. 10
NON POSITIVIST SOCIOLOGY	2014 Paper 1 - 4b In what way 'interpretative' method is different from 'positivist' approach in the study of social phenomena? 20
	2017 Paper 1 - 2c Elaborate the main tenets of interpretative perspective in sociology. 10
	2015 Paper 1 - 4a "Non-positivistic methodology is essential for understanding human behaviour." Discuss. 20
	2019 Paper 1 - 3a Discuss the importance of interpretative understanding of social phenomena and explain its limitations. 20
	2018 Paper 1 - 2a Is non-.positivistic methodology scientific ? Illustrate. 20
	2024 Paper 1 - 2b Do you think 'objectivity' is an over-hyped idea in sociological research? Discuss the merits and demerits of non-positivist methods. 20
	2025 Paper 1 - 2a What is positivism? Critically analyze the major arguments against it
SYMBOLIC INTERACTIONISM	2018 Paper 1 - 1a The focal point of Sociology rests on interaction. How do you distinguish it from common sense ? 10
	2023 Paper 1 - 1c How does the dramaturgical perspective enable us to understand everyday life?
PHENOMENOLOGY	2020 Paper 1 - 7b Phenomenological perspectives in sociology reject many of the assumptions of positivism. Comment. 20
ETNOMETHODOLOGY	2017 Paper 1 - 1b Examine ethnomethodological and phenomenological perspectives as critique of positivism. 10
	2021 Paper 1 - 1b Do you think ethnomethodology helps us in getting reliable and valid data? Justify your answer. 10

IMPACT OF COLONIAL RULE ON INDIAN SOCIETY	
SOCIAL BACKGROUND OF NATIONALISM	2014 Paper 2 - 2b Discuss the social background of Indian nationalism. 20
	2022 Paper 2 - 4a Examine the social background of growth of Indian nationalism. 20
	2015 Paper 2 - 4a Discuss Marxist approach to the analysis of Indian nationalism. 20
MODERNIZATION OF INDIAN TRADITION	2014 Paper 2 - 1b Modernization of Indian traditions. 10
	2017 Paper 2 - 2b Discuss Yogendra Singh's thesis on Modernisation of Indian Tradition, and evaluate its applicability in the present day context. 20
	2021 Paper 2 - 3a Discuss in detail the major contribution of Prof. Yogendra Singh in theorizing India's modernization. 20
	2022 Paper 2 - 3a Critically examine Yogendra Singh's thesis on "Modernisation of Indian Tradition". 20
	2015 Paper 2 - 3a Discuss the paradigm of modernization of Indian tradition in analyzing social change in India. 20
	2015 Paper 1 - 8b Examine the dialectical relation between tradition and modernity in the study of social change. 20
	2017 Paper 2 - 8a What is Cultural Revivalism ? Give some examples from performing arts, language dissemination and arts and crafts in recent times. 20
	2022 Paper 1 - 6c How to little tradition and great tradition coexist in contemporary Indian society? 10
	2025 Paper 1 - 1b Justify that the Indian traditions are modernizing. Also discuss its contributing factors 10
	2025 Paper 1 - 3b Do you think that new economic reforms of British rule have disrupted the old economic system of India? Substantiate your answer with suitable examples. 20
PROTESTS AND MOVEMENTS DURING COLONIAL PERIOD	2023 Paper 2 - 1d Are tradition and modernity antithetical to each other? Comment. 10
	2016 Paper 2 - 1d Anti-Brahmanical movements during the colonial period. 10
	2017 Paper 2 - 2a The main objectives of socio-religious movements during the colonial rule in India were reforming and synthesizing Hinduism. Write on any two such important movements. 20
	2018 Paper 2 - 2b Examine sociological dynamics of Champaran Peasant Movement in colonial India. 20
	2019 Paper 2 - 1b Illustrate the contribution of the Tebhaga Movement to the peasants struggle in India. 10
	2024 Paper 2 - 8a Highlight the major contributions of the reform movements in pre independent India. 20
SOCIAL REFORMS	2014 Paper 2 - 3c Write some of the important social reforms in India for the removal of untouchability. 10
	2020 Paper 2 - 1b "Banning practice of 'Sati' is attributed to annihilation of a major social evil in colonial India." Comment. 10
	2020 Paper 2 - 8a Colonial administrators helped to construct the very traditionalism which marked the Indian society as 'backward'. Comment critically. 20
	2025 Paper 1 - 1c According to you, which social reform movement has played the most effective role in uplifting the status of women? Explain.
TRIBAL COMMUNITIES IN INDIA	
DEFINITIONAL PROBLEM	2013 Paper 2 - 2a What are the features that distinguish tribes from the rest of the population ? 20
	2017 Paper 2 - 4b What is the nature of religious change among tribal communities ? Illustrate with two examples from colonial and post independence times. 20
	2020 Paper 2 - 1d Explain the definitional problems concerning the tribal communities in India. 10
	2024 Paper 2 - 2b What are the definitional problems involved in identifying tribes in India? Discuss the main obstacles to tribal development in India. 20
COLONIAL POLICIES AND THE TRIBES	2016 Paper 2 - 1c 'Isolationism' as a dominant feature of colonial tribal policy. 10
	2025 Paper 2 - 1d How did Colonial Policies for the tribes affected their socio-economic conditions in India? Discuss. 10
	2020 Paper 2 - 3a Examine the colonial policy of segregation of tribes under the Government of India Act, 1935. 20
TRIBAL INTEGRATION	2013 Paper 2 - 2c How does the new Forest Act affect tribals ? 10
	2014 Paper 2 - 2a Analyse the different views on integration and autonomy of tribes in India. 20
	2015 Paper 2 - 1a Verrier Elwin's views on freedom for the tribals. 10
	2016 Paper 2 - 4a How is the tribal question related with the issues of integration and autonomy in modern India ? 20
	2021 Paper 2 - 4b Discuss the main features of the debate between G. S. Ghurye and V. Elwin on tribal development. 20
	2019 Paper 2 - 1e Comment on the growing assertion of tribal community for autonomy in India. 10
	2022 Paper 2 - 1c Elucidate the challenges of integration for tribal communities in India. 10
	2023 Paper 2 - 4a Analyse the perspectives of Isolation, Assimilation and Integration in understanding the trajectories of Indian tribal development.
	2015 Paper 2 - 5b Main objective of Tribal sub plan (TSP). 10
	2017 Paper 2 - 8c Why have we started using another category of tribes called the Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) ? Why are they so called? 10
2013 Paper 2 - 2b Write a note on ethnicity and integration in the context of tribes. 20	

ETHNIC IDENTITY AND CONFLICT	2015 Paper 2 - 6b What are the major concerns of ethnic identity and religious identity in India? 20
	2016 Paper 2 - 7c What are the factors accounting for the resurgence of ethnic identity movements in India ? 10
	2017 Paper 2 - 7c Explain the issues relating to ethnicity and sub-ethnicity. 10
	2021 Paper 1 - 7c Explain the growing salience of ethnicity in the contemporary world with illustrations. 10
	2021 Paper 2 - 7b Rising 'ethnocentricism' is leading to conflict in our society. Assess this statement with appropriate reasons. 20
	2022 Paper 1 - 6b Analyse the nature of transition from ideology to identity politics in India. 20
	2022 Paper 2 - 6b Define ethnicity. Discuss the factors responsible for the growth of ethnic movements in India. 20
	2014 Paper 2 - 8b Tribal conflicts based on ethnic' differences often camouflage a struggle for political and economic advantage.' Substantiate with examples. 20
2019 Paper 2 - 3a What is ethno-nationalism? Examine the critical factors responsible for tribal discontent in India. 20	
RURAL AND AGRARIAN SOCIAL STRUCTURE	
IDEA OF INDIAN VILLAGE	2014 Paper 2 - 4c What is the idea of 'Indian village' ? Explain. 10
	2021 Paper 2 - 1d Critically examine briefly the phrase "Little Republics" as used to denote India's villages. 10
VILLAGE STUDIES	2016 Paper 2 - 1b Significance of Village Studies in Indian Sociology. 10
	2022 Paper 2 - 4c Discuss the challenges during village studies in India. 10
	2019 Paper 2 - 1a Elaborate Srinivas's views on religion and society among the Coorgs. 10
	2016 Paper 2 - 2b Discuss Andre Beteille's account of the relationship between caste, class and power as a change from symmetrical to asymmetrical one. 20
	2022 Paper 2 - 1d In the context of the changing Indian society, how do you view Andre Beteille's conceptions of harmonic and disharmonic social structures? 10
	2018 Paper 2 - 1b Give a critical analysis of Andre Beteille's study of Tanjore village. 10
	2023 Paper 2 - 2a Do you agree with the view of Andre Beteille that Indian's villages are representative of Indian society's basic civilizational values? Present a sociological overview 20
	2019 Paper 2 - 2a Critically examine Dube's contributions to the study of Indian villages. 20
	2023 Paper 2 - 1b The decade of 1950s was the golden period of village studies in indian sociology. Explain the statement. 10
AGRARIAN SOCIAL STRUCTURE : THE LAND REFORMS AND TENURE	2014 Paper 2 - 4b Describe the impact of land reforms on the peasants of Indian society. 20
	2016 Paper 2 - 2c Analyse the major components of Land Reform Acts. Show their effectiveness in curbing rural inequality. 10
	2019 Paper 2 - 1c Examine the changing initiatives of the land tenure system in India. 10
	2022 Paper 2 - 4b Explain how land reforms brought about desired agrarian transformations. 20
	2023 Paper 2 - 1e Discuss the main features of Land reforms in post-independence India. 10
	2024 Paper 2 - 8b Identify different forms of inequalities associated with agrarian social structure in India. 20
	2025 Paper 2 - 5a 'The transfer of land from cultivating to the non-cultivating owners is bringing about transformation in Indian society.' Justify your answer by giving suitable illustrations. 10
AGRARIAN CLASS STRUCTURE	2013 Paper 2 - 1d Classes in agrarian society in India. 10
	2015 Paper 2 - 1b Jyotirao Phule as an agrarian radical. 10
	2019 Paper 2 - 3b Is industrial development in India a bane or a born to agrarian class structure ? Substantiate your answer with suitable examples. 20
	2022 Paper 2 - 1b Do you agree that the agrarian class structure in India is changing ? Justify your answer with Illustrations. 10
	2023 Paper 2 - 4b Explain the limitations and impact of globalization in situating the changing agrarian class structure in india. 20
	2024 Paper 2 - 2c What, according to Andre Beteille are the problems of agrarian class structure in India? Analyse. 10
PROGRAMMES FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT	2013 Paper 2 - 5b Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme. 10
	2016 Paper 2 - 5b Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme for rural development. 10
	2018 Paper 2 - 2c How do the recommendations of Swaminathan Commission (2004-2006) ensure food and nutrition security of the Indian masses ? 10
	2019 Paper 2 - 5b Discuss the challenges in Implementing the Rural Development Programmes in India. 10
	2019 Paper 2 - 6b Highlight the main features of the 'Inter-linking of Rivers' project in India. What could be its probable advantages to Indian agriculture? 20
	2019 Paper 2 - 8c What is 'social security'? Examine recent security measures adopted by the Government in India. 10
	2020 Paper 2 - 2c "Indian rural society is a faction-ridden society." Discuss. 10
	2020 Paper 2 - 6b Do you think MSP (Minimum Support Price) Scheme for agricultural produce can help in rural development? Elaborate your response with suitable examples. 20

	2020 Paper 2 - 5c Give an account of the consequences and remedies of chronic malnutrition in India. 10
	2021 Paper 2 - 5b Comment on the role of co-operatives in rural development. 10
	2022 Paper 2 - 5e What role do co-operatives play in poverty alleviation in rural India? 10
	2023 Paper 2 - 7c Discuss the phenomenon of rural-urban continuum with suitable examples. 10
	2023 Paper 2 - 8b Discuss the challenges faced by the cooperative movements in India. Suggest measures to strengthen the movement at the grass root level. 20
GREEN REVOLUTION	2013 Paper 2 - 5c Green Revolution. 10
	2016 Paper 2 - 6a Write a note on the uneven impact of 'Green Revolution' on rural society. 20
	2018 Paper 2 - 6b Has Green Revolution led to formation of new Power elite in rural India? Elaborate your answer. 20
	2023 Paper 2 - 4c Critique the victory narratives of Green revolution in the context of Indian society. 10
CHANGING MOP IN AGARARIAN STRUCTURE	2016 Paper 2 - 8a Bring out the impact of the declining significance of the agrarian economy. 20
	2025 Paper 2 - 5B Bring out various factors responsible for declining of village Industries in India. 10
	2017 Paper 2 - 1e Write a short note on 'changing means of production and increased rural poverty.' 10
	2025 Paper 2 - 2b Agrarian class structure has been undergoing changes due to modern forces.' Critically examine. 20
	2020 Paper 2 - 5a Point out the benefits of 'green chemistry' for agrarian transformation in India. 10
PROBLEMS OF RURAL LABOUR	2021 Paper 2 - 3b Examine the factors responsible for the rural unrest in contemporary India. 20
	2022 Paper 2 - 6a Examine whether rural bondage still continues to be a social reality. Give your argument. 20
	2024 Paper 2 - 1e Despite the efforts of the government, bonded labour still continues in India. Discuss. 10
PEASANTS AND THE FARMERS MOVEMENTS	2013 Paper 2 - 6a Bring out the main features of farmers' movements in Modern India. 20
	2015 Paper 2 - 7b Discuss the main features of farmers' movements in independent India. 20
	2017 Paper 2 - 3a Indebtedness is one of the serious issues leading to farmers' suicides. Discuss reasons and suggest solutions. 20
	2018 Paper 2 - 5c Explain the dynamics of neo-farmers' movement in contemporary India. 10
	2020 Paper 2 - 7c Are the contemporary farmers' movements in India changing their course? Discuss. 10
	2024 Paper 2 - 5e What is your assessment about the recent farmers' movement in India? Elaborate. 10
VISION OF SOCIAL CHANGE IN INDIA	
SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY OF SOCIAL CHANGE	2013 Paper 1 - 8b Critically examine the cultural theories of social change with suitable examples. 20
	2017 Paper 1 - 8a Examine any two theories of social change in detail. 20
	2013 Paper 1 - 8a Illustrate the conflicts and tensions experienced by societies undergoing social change. 20
	2015 Paper 1 - 5e Explain the relevance of the idea of 'cultural lag' in understanding social change. 10
	2018 Paper 1 - 5a Is the theory of cultural lag valid in present times? Discuss. 10
	2021 Paper 1 - 5e Do you think Talcott Parsons gave an adequate theory of social change? Justify your answer. 10
	2022 Paper 1 - 5e Trace the trajectory of development perspectives on social change. 10
	2024 Paper 1 - 8b Discuss various theories of social change. Explain the limitations of unilinear theory of social change. 20
AGENTS OF SOCIAL CHANGE	2016 Paper 1 - 6b "Social change can be brought about through development." Illustrate from the contemporary situation of India. 20
	2016 Paper 1 - 5e "Social conflict is both a cause and a consequence of social change." Explain. 10
	2017 Paper 1 - 5e Assess the role of mass media as an agent of social change. 10
	2020 Paper 2 - 6c How can skill development programme induce social change? Illustrate. 10
	2022 Paper 1 - 8b Are traditional social institutions getting weakened as agents of social change in the contemporary society? Substantiate. 20
	2020 Paper 1 - 4b According to Durkheim, "The major function of education is the transmission of society's 17 norms and values." Discuss.
DEVELOPMENT & DEPENDENCY	2017 Paper 2 - 6a Discuss some of the striking issues of development induced imbalances that need urgent attention. 20
	2014 Paper 1 - 8b Write a short essay on the Latin American perspective on 'dependency'. 20
	2019 Paper 1 - 5d Critique A.G. Frank's 'development of underdevelopment'. 10
	2021 Paper 1 - 7b Critically examine the contribution of dependency theories in understanding the present global scenario. 20
	2023 Paper 1 - 7c Assess critically A. G. Frank's 'theory of development of underdevelopment'. 10
	2024 Paper 1 - 8c Critically examine the World-Systems theory of Immanuel Wallerstein in terms of development and dependency of various nations. 10

DEVELOPMENT AND DISPLACEMENT	2013 Paper 1 - 5d Examine the social dimensions of displacement induced by development. 10
	2014 Paper 2 - 5e Rural landless labourers and development induced displacement. 10
	2015 Paper 2 - 5c Effect of displacement through development on the rural landless and marginal farmers . 10
	2018 Paper 2 - 3b Discuss development-induced displacement in the context of tribal uprising in India. Substantiate your answer with any one detailed illustration from India. 20
	2021 Paper 2 - 7a The problem of displacement is inherent in the idea of development. Analyze the statement critically. 20
	2023 Paper 2 - 5a Citing some case studies , expand the concept of "Development induced Displacement.
DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT	2019 Paper 2 - 6c Has reduction of green cover affected ecological degradation leading to global warming? Elaborate your answer with illustration. 10
	2022 Paper 2 - 8b Critically examine the dialectics between "development and environment". 20
	2023 Paper 1 - 5a Examine the relevance of corporate social responsibility in a world marked by increasing environmental crises.
	2024 Paper 2 - 6b What is sustainable development? How can sustainability be achieved in India where livelihood needs conflict with environmental protection ?
ENVIRONMENTAL MOVEMENT	2016 Paper 2 - 6c Discuss the various forms of environmental movements waged in India. . 10
	2020 Paper 2 - 7b Evaluate the nature and scope of anthropogenic influence on climate in India and also analyze the environmental movements arising out of it. 20
	2022 Paper 1 - 7b Discuss how "environmentalism" can be explained with new social movements approach. 20
	2023 Paper 2 - 6b In the face of rising global climatic concerns, how do you contextualize the relevance of Chipko movement and its Gandhian tone? Answer analytically. 20
	2024 Paper 2 - 7a Analyse the trilogy between environmental movement, development and tribal identity. 20
	2025 Paper 2 - 8 a Is it possible to have sustainable development in India? Cite major environmental issues and suggest a few measures to achieve the sustainability. 20
IDEA OF DEVELOPMENT PLANNING AND THE MIXED ECONOMY	2013 Paper 2 - 5a Five Year Plans. 10
	2015 Paper 2 - 8b Human development approach affirms that education and healthcare growth are more important than economic growth. Discuss this issue in the light of post-liberalized Indian society. 20
	2019 Paper 2 - 6a Examine the importance of Development Planning in Indian Mixed Economy, and analyze its problems and prospects. 20
	2021 Paper 2 - 5a Analyze the idea of developmental planning in India. 10
	2020 Paper 2 - 6a Discuss in detail the main issues of development planning in mixed economy like India. 20
	2024 Paper 2 - 6c Critically examine the relevance of development planning in India. 10
CONSTITUTION , LAW AND SOCIAL CHANGE	2022 Paper 2 - 5a Discuss law as an important instrument for Women's empowerment. 10
	2024 Paper 2 - 3b Do you think that the constitutional provisions for women have led to their uplift? Give reasons for your answer.
	2025 Paper 2 - 6a In what respects have the constitutional provisions changed the socio-economic and political conditions of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in India? Critically examine. 20
EDUCATION AND THE SOCIAL CHANGE	2013 Paper 2 - 8c Discuss the salient features of right to education. 15
	2014 Paper 1 - 7b Education is often viewed as an agency of social change. However in reality it could also reinforce inequalities and conservatism. Discuss. 20
	2015 Paper 1 - 6a "Education helps in perpetuating social and economic inequalities." Critically examine the statement. 20
	2022 Paper 2 - 7a Instead of promoting equality in society, the present system of education itself has contributed to increased socio-economic disparities. Comment. 20
	2014 Paper 2 - 5d Impact of privatisation on educational disparities. 10
	2016 Paper 2 - 5a Privatization of education and increasing inequalities. 10
	2019 Paper 2 - 5a Comment on the critical issues of commercialization of higher education in India. 10
	2015 Paper 2 - 5a Important components of National Education Policy in India. 10
	2020 Paper 2 - 5d How does the New Education Policy, 2020 aim to eradicate disparities in the system of education in India? 10
	2021 Paper 2 - 6a Explain the sociological significance of the New Education Policy and its thrust on vocationalization and skill development. 20
	2023 Paper 2 - 5c Highlight the salient features of the New Education Policy (NEP) 2020.
	2016 Paper 1 - 8a "Education is a major source of social mobility in contemporary society." Explain. 20
	2020 Paper 1 - 4b According to Durkheim, "The major function of education is the transmission of society's norms and values." Discuss. 20
	2021 Paper 1 - 4a Explain the concept of social mobility. Describe with suitable illustrations how education and social mobility are related to each other. 20
	2018 Paper 1 - 4b Schooling does not ensure upward mobility of all members of the society. Discuss with reference to class societies. 20
	2017 Paper 2 - 5b Write a note on Education and Equality in India. 10
	2018 Paper 2 - 5d Assess the role of the state in promoting education of girl child. 10
	2018 Paper 2 - 7c With increase in education and economic development is Indian society becoming more secular? 10
	2019 Paper 1 - 5b Discuss the issues of access and exclusion in higher education in India. 10

	<p>2025 Paper 2 - 7b "Educational development is the only Panacea for country's all ills and evils." Critically examine the above statement with reference to NEP-2020. 20</p> <p>2024 Paper 2 - 3c Education is a key to social development. Elucidate. 10</p> <p>2025 Paper 1 - 5e To what extent can education and skill development be an agent of social change? Critically analyze. 10</p>
SCI AND TECH AND THE SOCIAL CHANGE	<p>2013 Paper 1 - 1d Examine science and technology as agents of social change. 10</p> <p>2017 Critically analyse the role of science and technology in bringing about social change. 20</p> <p>2014 Paper 1 - 8a How is the increasing use of technology changing the status of women in Indian society? 20</p> <p>2020 Paper 1 - 4a Is humanity at the mercy of Nature, Science and Technology ? Comment in the light of pandemic situation. 20</p> <p>2020 Paper 1 - 7a Technology has accelerated the process of development and dependency. Discuss. 20</p> <p>2021 Paper 1 - 8b Describe the role of Science and Technology in enabling us to face the challenges triggered by the COVID-19 pandemic. 20</p> <p>2021 Paper 2 - 8a Discuss the role of social media in communal polarisation. Suggest ways to combat it. 20</p> <p>2021 Paper 2 - 5e Discuss the role of technology in agrarian change in India. 10</p> <p>2022 Paper 1 - 8a Sociologists argue for democratization of science and technology for inclusive development. Comment. 20</p> <p>2023 Paper 1 - 8c Examine the role of science and technology in addressing age-old taboos and superstitions 10</p> <p>2023 Paper 2 - 5d Analyse the sociological interconnectedness between social media and mass mobilization in india.</p> <p>2024 Paper 1 - 5e Critically examine the roles of science and technology in social change. What is your opinion on their increasing trend in 'online' education and teaching? 10</p>
INDUSTRIALIZATION AND URBANIZATION	
SOCIAL ORG OF WORKS : IN SOCIETIES	<p>2014 Paper 1 - 5b What are the distinctive features of social organization of work in slave society? How is it different from feudal society? 10</p> <p>2015 Paper 1 - 5a Distinguish between the social organization of work in feudal society and in capitalist society. 10</p> <p>2024 Paper 1 - 5c Describe the differing principles of work organization in feudal and capitalist societies. 10</p> <p>2016 Paper 1 - 5a Describe the nature of social organization of work in industrial society. 10</p> <p>2017 Paper 1 - 6a Trace the changing nature of organisation of work in capitalist society over the years. 20</p> <p>2018 Paper 1 - 6a Discuss the nature of social organisation of work in capitalist society with reference to the Limits of the working day, 20</p>
FORMAL AND INFORMAL ORG OF WORK	<p>2013 Paper 2 - 4a Distinguish between formal and informal sectors in India. 20</p> <p>2014 Paper 2 - 6c Discuss the impact of globalisation on the workers in the Informal sector. 10</p> <p>2016 Paper 1 - 6a "Globalization has pushed the labour into informal organization of work." Substantiate your answer with suitable examples. 20</p> <p>2015 Paper 2 - 5d Issues relating to the informal labour market in urban India. 10</p> <p>2015 Paper 1 - 7b The increasing importance of the tertiary sector has weakened the formal organization of work in recent times. Examine the statement . 20</p> <p>2017 Paper 1 - 5a What do you understand by 'informalisation of labour' ? Write your answer with special reference to India. 10</p> <p>2020 Paper 1 - 3a Capitalism has brought increasing informalisation of work in society. Substantiate your answer. 20</p> <p>2022 Paper 2 - 5c How do you view the growth of informal sector in India? 10 marks</p> <p>2019 Paper 1 - 7a What is 'informal labour' ? Discuss the need for and challenges in regulating informal labour in the post-industrial society. 20</p> <p>2020 Paper 1 - 6a Discuss the new labour codes and their impact on formal and informal labour in India. 20</p> <p>2021 Paper 1 - 5a Explain the emerging challenges in establishing gender equality in the informal sector. 10</p> <p>2021 Paper 1 - 4b How has the idea of 'Work From Home' forced us to redefine the formal and informal organisation of work ? 20</p> <p>2025 Paper 1 - 4c Critically analyze the sociological significance of informal sector in the economy of developing societies. 10</p>
LABOUR AND THE SOCIETY	<p>2013 Paper 1 - 6b Examine the social impact of globalization on labour and society. 20</p> <p>2018 Paper 1 - 7b What is labour commitment ? Discuss it with reference to studies of manufacturing industry. 20</p> <p>2019 Paper 2 - 7a Do you think that 'demonetization' has accelerated the economic growth in India? How do you understand the in formalization of labour, underemployment and gender discrimination in this context? 20</p> <p>2023 Paper 1 - 7a Explain how economic globalization has brought changes in the patterns of employment in the 21st century. 20</p> <p>2023 Paper 1 - 8a What is Taylorism? Analyze its merits and demerits. 20</p> <p>2024 Paper 1 - 4b Define the concept of 'gig' economy and discuss its impact on the labour market and workers' social security net. 20</p> <p>2024 Paper 1 - 4c Critically assess the impact of technological advancement and automation on the nature of work and employment. 10</p>

	2024 Paper 2 - 5b Is there a connection between labor migration and informal sector? Explain your answer with reference to Indian context.
	2025 Paper 2 - 8b Do you think that forced displacement of labourers has caused their deprivation and resultant inequalities during the recent past years? Elaborate. 20
EVOLYTION OF MODERN INDUSTRY	2012 Paper 2 - 4c Discuss the factors which contributed to industrial modernization in India. What are the salient features of new industrial class structure? 20
	2025 Paper 1 - 4b "Industrial class structure is a function of social structure of Indian society." Do you agree with this statement? Analyze.
	2013 Paper 2 - 4b Examine the influence of industrialisation on caste . 15
GROWTH OF URBAN SETTELMENTS IN INDIA	2017 Paper 2 - 6b Examine the impact of heritage tourism on urban socio-spatial patterns in India. 20
	2018 Paper 2 - 6a How do you relate the growth of development of metropolis and its impact on the mental and social life of people in india? 20
	2019 Paper 2 - 5c Elaborate urbanism as a way of life in India. 10
	2019 Paper 2 - 5e Elucidate the concerns of growing urban displacement dynamics in India. 10
	2020 Paper 2 - 7a Elaborate the causes, consequences and other concerns of growth of urban settlements in India. 20
	2021 Paper 2 - 8b Urban settlements in India tend to replicate its rural caste-kinship imprints. Discuss the main reasons. 20
	2024 Paper 2 - 5a Examine with suitable examples the recent trends in the growth of-urban settlements in India.
	2025 Paper 2 - 6b Discuss the trend of urbanization in India. Do you think that Industrialization is the only precondition of urbanization? Give you arguments. 20
WORKING CLASS	2016 Paper 2 - 7b Discuss the changing nature of the problems of working class in the informal sector of the economy. 20
	2022 Paper 2 - 8c Discuss the changing nature of Industrial working class. 10
	2024 Paper 2 - 1b Discuss the changes taking place in the industrial class structure in India.
CHILD LABOUR	2013 Paper 2 - 5d Child Labour. 10
	2020 Paper 2 - 8c Point out the main causes of 'child labour' in India. How far the State policies have succeeded in its elimination? 10
	2017 Paper 2 - 5d Do you agree that the issue of child labour raises questions about and beyond the informal sector? Give reasons. 10
	2018 Paper 2 - 5b Construct a sociological narrative on the increasing trend of child abuse in India. 10
	2023 Paper 2 - 6c What actionable measures would you suggest to curb the recurrent child labor menace in india?
	2025 Paper 2 - 5e Do you think that law has been able to abolish child labour in India? Comment. 10
SLUMS	2013 Paper 2 - 7a Write an analytical note on slums in cities. 15
	2016 Paper 2 - 7a Write a detailed note on the effects of growing slums in urban areas. 20
	2017 Paper 2 - 4c Compare the pressing problems of a dalit poor family living in an urban slum with a similar type of family living in a rural setting. 10
	2018 Paper 2 - 6c Write a note on Basic Services to Urban Poor (BSUP) and Integrated Housing and Slum Development (IHS) programmes provided for the urban poor. 10
	2021 Paper 2 - 5c Urban slums are sites of social exclusion - explain. 10
	2022 Paper 2 - 7c Discuss different form of deprivation associated with slums. 10 marks
	2024 Paper 2 - 5c Are slum the manifestations of industrialisation and urbanisation in India? Explain.
MIDDILE CLASS	2013 Paper 2 - 4c Discuss the salient features of Indian middle class. 15
	2014 Paper 2 - 4a Discuss the status of women among the emerging urban middle class. 20
	2018 Paper 2 - 1d Write a note on the changing role of middle class women in India. 10
	2016 Paper 2 - 4c What accounts for the growth and consolidation of the middle classes in modern India ? 10
	2018 Paper 2 - 4a How has the New Economic Policy (1991) affected the lifestyle and life chances of new middle class in India ? 20
	2019 Paper 1 - 1d Present a sociological review on the 'new middle class'. 10 Marks
	2021 Paper 2 - 2c Discuss the salient features of 'new middle class' in India. 10
	2020 Paper 2 - 3c How does Andre Beteille justify 'middle class in India'? 10
	2023 Paper 2 - 2b Elaborate the salient features and role of middle class in India's democracy and development. 20
	2025 Paper 2- 3c Describe the main features of Indian new middle class. How is it different from the old middle class? 10
GENDER AND WORK	2025 Paper 1 - 6b What do you understand by gender-based domestic division of labour? Is it undergoing a change in the wake of increasing participation of women in formal employment? Clarify your answer with illustrations. 20
	2025 Paper 1 - 5c Do you think that the formal workspaces are free of gender bias? Argue your case. 10
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