



# R.C.REDDY IAS STUDY CIRCLE

## SOCIOLOGY 5 MONTH INTENSIVE MENTORSHIP CUM TEST SERIES PROGRAMME 2025

### PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

- Syllabus Blocks: Divided into 10-day segments.
- Personal Mentorship: Every Tuesday and Thursday.
- One-on-one interactions for doubts or answer writing evaluation during each 10-day block.
- No limit on number of answer evaluation on mentorship day
- Block Completion: After 10 days, a 3-day break followed by block-specific tests.
- Uniqueness of programme - All answers evaluation Cum personalized mentorship by Shilpa Bhatti Ma'am

### PAPER 1

MENTORSHIP & PREPARATION DATES	SYLLABUS	TEST
<b>PAPER I</b>		
22 <sup>nd</sup> July to 31 <sup>st</sup> July 2024	<b>1. Sociology - The Discipline:</b> (a) Modernity and social changes in Europe and emergence of sociology. (b) Scope of the subject and comparison with other social sciences. (c) Sociology and common sense. <b>2. Sociology as Science:</b> (a) Science, scientific method and critique. (b) Major theoretical strands of research methodology. (c) Positivism and its critique.	4 <sup>th</sup> August 2024

	<p>(d) Fact value and objectivity. (e) Non- positivist methodologies.</p> <p><b>3. Research Methods and Analysis:</b> (a) Qualitative and quantitative methods. (b) Techniques of data collection. (c) Variables, sampling, hypothesis, reliability and validity.</p>	
5 <sup>th</sup> August - 15 <sup>th</sup> August	<p><b>4. PART I - Sociological Thinkers:</b> (a) Karl Marx- Historical materialism, mode of production, alienation, class struggle. (b) Emile Durkheim- Division of labour, social fact, suicide, religion and society. (c) Max Weber- Social action, ideal types, authority, bureaucracy, protestant ethic and the spirit of capitalism.</p>	18 <sup>th</sup> August
19 <sup>th</sup> August - 28 <sup>th</sup> August	<p><b>4. PART II - Sociological Thinkers:</b> (d) Talcott Parsons- Social system, pattern variables. (e) Robert K. Merton- Latent and manifest functions, conformity and deviance, reference groups (f) Mead - Self and identity.</p>	1 <sup>st</sup> September
2 <sup>nd</sup> September - 11 <sup>th</sup> September	<p><b>5. Stratification and Mobility:</b> (a) Concepts- equality, inequality, hierarchy, exclusion, poverty and deprivation. (b) Theories of social stratification- Structural functionalist theory, Marxist theory, Weberian theory. (c) Dimensions - Social stratification of class, status groups, gender, ethnicity and race.</p>	15 <sup>th</sup> September

	<p>(d) Social mobility- open and closed systems, types of mobility, sources and causes of mobility.</p> <p><b><u>6. Works and Economic Life:</u></b>  (a) Social organization of work in different types of society- slave society, feudal society, industrial /capitalist society.  (b) Formal and informal organization of work  (c) Labour and society.</p>	
<p>16<sup>th</sup> September - 25<sup>th</sup> September</p>	<p><b><u>7. Politics and Society:</u></b>  (a) Sociological theories of power  (b) Power elite, bureaucracy, pressure groups, and political parties.  (c) Nation, state, citizenship, democracy, civil society, ideology.  (d) Protest, agitation, social movements, collective action, revolution.</p> <p><b><u>8. Religion and Society:</u></b>  (a) Sociological theories of religion.  (b) Types of religious practices: animism, monism, pluralism, sects, cults.  (c) Religion in modern society: religion and science, secularization, religious revivalism, fundamentalism.</p>	<p>29<sup>th</sup> September</p>
<p>30<sup>th</sup> September - 9<sup>th</sup> October</p>	<p><b><u>G. Systems of Kinship:</u></b>  (a) Family, household, marriage.  (b) Types and forms of family.  (c) Lineage and descent  (d) Patriarchy and sexual division of labour  (e) Contemporary trends.</p> <p><b><u>10. Social Change in Modern Society:</u></b></p>	<p>13<sup>th</sup> October</p>

- (a) Sociological theories of social change.
- (b) Development and dependency.
- (c) Agents of social change.
- (d) Education and social change.
- (e) Science, technology and social change

**PAPER-II: INDIAN SOCIETY : STRUCTURE AND CHANGE**

- A. Introducing Indian Society:**
- (i) Perspectives on the study of Indian society:
    - (a) Indology (GS. Ghurye).
    - (b) Structural functionalism (M N Srinivas).
    - (c) Marxist sociology ( A R Desai).

**(ii) Impact of colonial rule on Indian society :**

- (a) Social background of Indian nationalism.
- (b) Modernization of Indian tradition.
- (c) Protests and movements during the colonial period.
- (d) Social reforms

14<sup>th</sup> October - 23<sup>rd</sup> October

27<sup>th</sup> October

**B. SOCIAL STRUCTURE:**

**(i) Rural and Agrarian Social Structure:**

- (a) The idea of Indian village and village studies-
- (b) Agrarian social structure - evolution of land tenure system, land reforms.

**(ii) Caste System:**

- (a) Perspectives on the study of caste systems: GS Ghurye, M N Srinivas, Louis Dumont, Andre Beteille.
- (b) Features of caste system.
- (c) Untouchability - forms and perspectives

<p>28<sup>th</sup> October - 6<sup>th</sup> November</p>	<p><b><u>(iii) Tribal communities in India:</u></b>  (a) Definitional problems.  (b) Geographical spread.  (c) Colonial policies and tribes.  (d) Issues of integration and autonomy.</p> <p><b><u>(iv) Social Classes in India:</u></b>  (a) Agrarian class structure.  (b) Industrial class structure.  (c) Middle classes in India.</p> <p><b><u>(v) Systems of Kinship in India:</u></b>  (a) Lineage and descent in India.  (b) Types of kinship systems.  (c) Family and marriage in India.  (d) Household dimensions of the family.  (e) Patriarchy, entitlements and sexual division of labour.</p> <p><b><u>(vi) Religion and Society:</u></b>  (a) Religious communities in India.  (b) Problems of religious minorities.</p> <p><b><u>C. Social Changes in India</u></b></p> <p><b><u>(i) Visions of Social Change in India:</u></b>  (a) Idea of development planning and mixed economy.  (b) Constitution, law and social change.  (c) Education and social change.</p> <p><b><u>(ii) Rural and Agrarian transformation in India:</u></b>  (a) Programmes of rural development, Community Development Programme, cooperatives, poverty alleviation schemes.  (b) Green revolution and social change.  (c) Changing modes of production in Indian agriculture .  (d) Problems of rural labour, bondage, migration.</p>	<p>10<sup>th</sup> November</p>
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	<p><b><u>(iii) Industrialization and Urbanisation in India:</u></b></p> <p>(a) Evolution of modern industry in India.  (b) Growth of urban settlements in India.  (c) Working class: structure, growth, class mobilization.  (d) Informal sector, child labour  (e) Slums and deprivation in urban areas.</p>	
<p>11<sup>th</sup> November -20<sup>th</sup> November</p>	<p><b><u>(iv) Politics and Society:</u></b></p> <p>(a) Nation, democracy and citizenship.  (b) Political parties, pressure groups , social and political elite.  (c) Regionalism and decentralization of power.  (d) Secularization</p> <p><b><u>(v) Social Movements in Modern India:</u></b></p> <p>(a) Peasants and farmers movements.  (b) Women’s movement.  (c) Backward classes C Dalit movement.  (d) Environmental movements.  (e) Ethnicity and Identity movements.</p> <p><b><u>(vi) Population Dynamics:</u></b></p> <p>(a) Population size, growth, composition and distribution.  (b) Components of population growth: birth, death, migration.  (c) Population policy and family planning.  (d) Emerging issues: ageing, sex ratios, child and infant mortality, reproductive health.</p> <p><b><u>(vii) Challenges of Social Transformation:</u></b></p> <p>(a) Crisis of development: displacement, environmental problems and sustainability.  (b) Poverty, deprivation and inequalities.  (c) Violence against women.  (d) Caste conflicts.  (e) Ethnic conflicts, communalism,</p>	<p>24<sup>th</sup> November</p>

	religious revivalism. (f) Illiteracy and disparities in education.	
	<b>PAPER I FULL LENGTH TEST 1</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> December</b>
	<b>PAPER II FULL LENTH TEST 2</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> December</b>



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