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TEST SCHEDULE

TEST NO. & DATE	TOPICS
<p style="text-align: center;">TEST-1</p> <p style="text-align: center;">26 JANUARY, 2025</p>	<p>Sociology - The Discipline:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Modernity and social changes in Europe and emergence of sociology. ◦ Scope of the subject and comparison with other social sciences. ◦ Sociology and common sense. <p>Sociology as Science:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Science, scientific method and critique. ◦ Major theoretical strands of research methodology. ◦ Positivism and its critique. ◦ Fact value and objectivity. ◦ Non- positivist methodologies. <p>Research Methods and Analysis:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Qualitative and quantitative methods. ◦ Techniques of data collection. ◦ Variables, sampling, hypothesis, reliability and validity. <p>Stratification & Mobility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Concepts- equality, inequality, hierarchy, exclusion, poverty and deprivation ◦ Theories of social stratification- Structural functionalist theory, Marxist theory, Weberian theory. ◦ Dimensions – Social stratification of class, status groups, gender, ethnicity and race.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Social mobility- open and closed systems, types of mobility, sources and causes of mobility. <p>Works and Economic Life:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Social organization of work in different types of society- slave society, feudal society, industrial / capitalist society. ◦ Formal and informal organization of work ◦ Labour and society.
<p style="text-align: center;">TEST-2</p> <p style="text-align: center;">02 FEBRUARY, 2025</p>	<p>Introducing Indian Society:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Perspectives on the study of Indian society: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Indology (GS. Ghurye). ▶ Structural functionalism (M N Srinivas). ▶ Marxist sociology (A R Desai). ◦ Impact of colonial rule on Indian society : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Social background of Indian nationalism. ▶ Modernization of Indian tradition. ▶ Protests and movements during the colonial period. ▶ Social reforms <p>Social Structure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Caste System: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Perspectives on the study of caste systems: GS Ghurye, M N Srinivas, Louis Dumont, Andre Beteille. ▶ Features of caste system. ▶ Untouchability - forms and perspectives ◦ Tribal communities in India: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Definitional problems. ▶ Geographical spread. ▶ Colonial policies and tribes. ▶ Issues of integration and autonomy.

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<p style="text-align: center;">TEST-3</p> <p style="text-align: center;">09 FEBRUARY, 2025</p>	<p>Social Changes in India:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Visions of Social Change in India: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Idea of development planning and mixed economy. ▶ Constitution, law and social change. ▶ Education and social change. <p>Politics and Society:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Sociological theories of power ◦ Power elite, bureaucracy, pressure groups, and political parties. ◦ Nation, state, citizenship, democracy, civil society, ideology. ◦ Protest, agitation, social movements, collective action, revolution. <p>Religion & Society:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Sociological theories of religion. ◦ Types of religious practices: animism, monism, pluralism, sects, cults. ◦ Religion in modern society: religion and science, secularization, religious revivalism, fundamentalism. <p>Systems of Kinship:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Family, household, marriage. ◦ Types and forms of family. ◦ Lineage and descent ◦ Patriarchy and sexual division of labour ◦ Contemporary trends. <p>Social Change in Modern Society:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Sociological theories of social change ◦ Development and dependency. ◦ Agents of social change. ◦ Education and social change. ◦ Science, technology and social change.

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TEST-4 12 FEBRUARY, 2025	Sociological Thinkers: <ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Karl Marx- Historical materialism, mode of production, alienation, class struggle.◦ Emile Durkheim- Division of labour, social fact, suicide, religion and society.◦ Max Weber- Social action, ideal types, authority, bureaucracy, protestant ethic and the spirit of capitalism.
TEST-5 16 FEBRUARY, 2025	Sociological Thinkers: <ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Talcott Parsons- Social system, pattern variables.◦ Robert K. Merton- Latent and manifest functions, conformity and deviance, reference groups◦ Mead - Self and identity.
TEST-6 20 FEBRUARY, 2025	Social Structure: <ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Rural and Agrarian Social Structure:<ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ (a) The idea of Indian village and village studies-(b) Agrarian social structure - evolution of land tenure system, land reforms.◦ Religion and Society:<ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Religious communities in India.▶ Problems of religious minorities.
TEST-7 23 FEBRUARY, 2025	Social Structure: <ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Social Classes in India:<ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Agrarian class structure.▶ Industrial class structure.▶ Middle classes in India.◦ Systems of Kinship in India:<ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Lineage and descent in India.▶ Types of kinship systems.▶ Family and marriage in India.▶ Household dimensions of the family.▶ Patriarchy, entitlements and sexual division of labour.

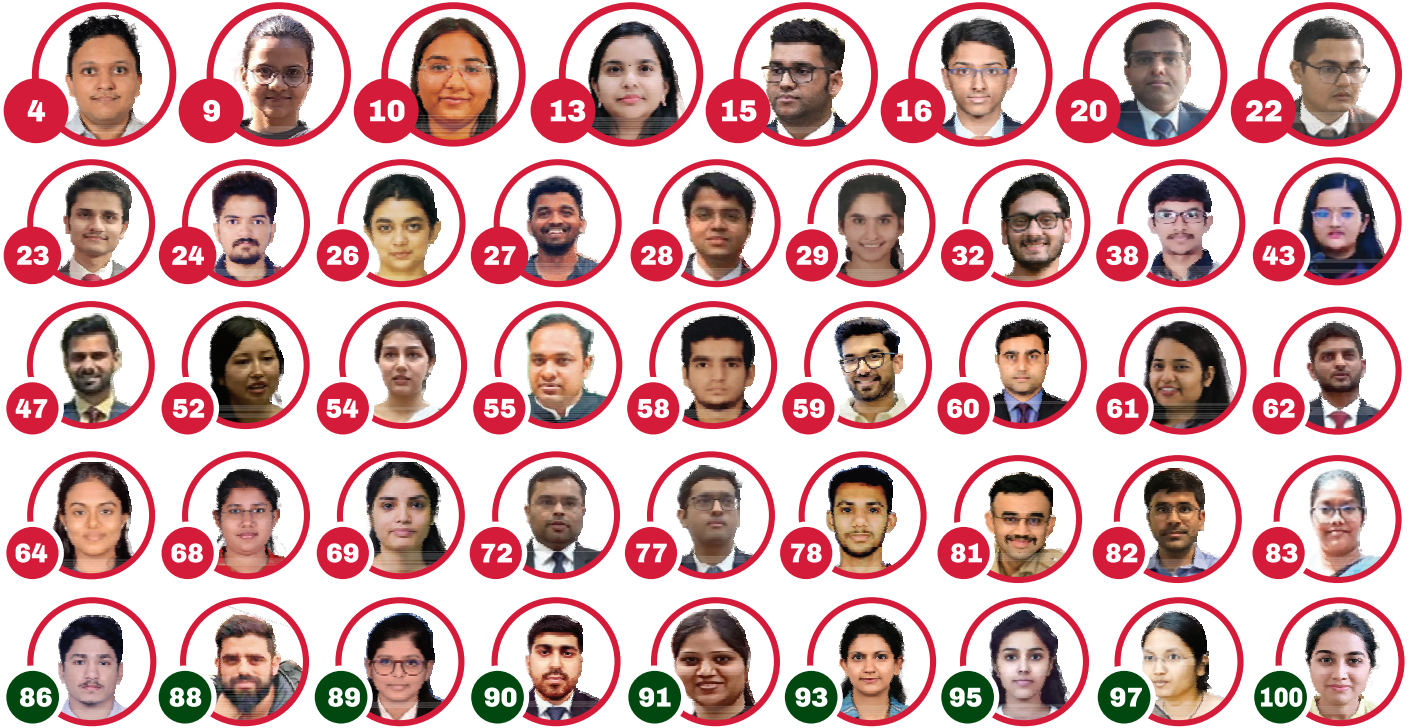
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	<p>Social Changes in India:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◉ Challenges of Social Transformation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Crisis of development: displacement, environmental problems and sustainability. ▶ Poverty, deprivation and inequalities. ▶ Violence against women. ▶ Caste conflicts. ▶ Ethnic conflicts, communalism, religious revivalism. ▶ Illiteracy and disparities in education.
<p style="text-align: center;">TEST-8</p> <p style="text-align: center;">28 FEBRUARY, 2025</p>	<p>Social Changes in India:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◉ Rural and Agrarian transformation in India: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Programmes of rural development, Community Development Programme, cooperatives, poverty alleviation schemes. ▶ Green revolution and social change. ▶ Changing modes of production in Indian agriculture . ▶ Problems of rural labour, bondage, migration. ◉ Industrialization and Urbanisation in India: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Evolution of modern industry in India. ▶ Growth of urban settlements in India. ▶ Working class: structure, growth, class mobilization. ▶ Informal sector, child labour ▶ Slums and deprivation in urban areas. <p>Politics and Society:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◉ Nation, democracy and citizenship. ◉ Political parties, pressure groups , social and political elite. ◉ Regionalism and decentralization of power. ◉ Secularization

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Social Movements in Modern India:<ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Peasants and farmers movements.▶ Women's movement.▶ Backward classes & Dalit movement▶ Environmental movements.▶ Ethnicity and Identity movements.◦ Population Dynamics:<ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Population size, growth, composition and distribution.▶ Components of population growth: birth, death, migration.▶ Population policy and family planning.▶ Emerging issues: ageing, sex ratios, child and infant mortality, reproductive health.
AFTER PRELIMS	
TEST-9	MOCK - 1 (PAPER - 1)
TEST-10	MOCK - 2 (PAPER - 1)

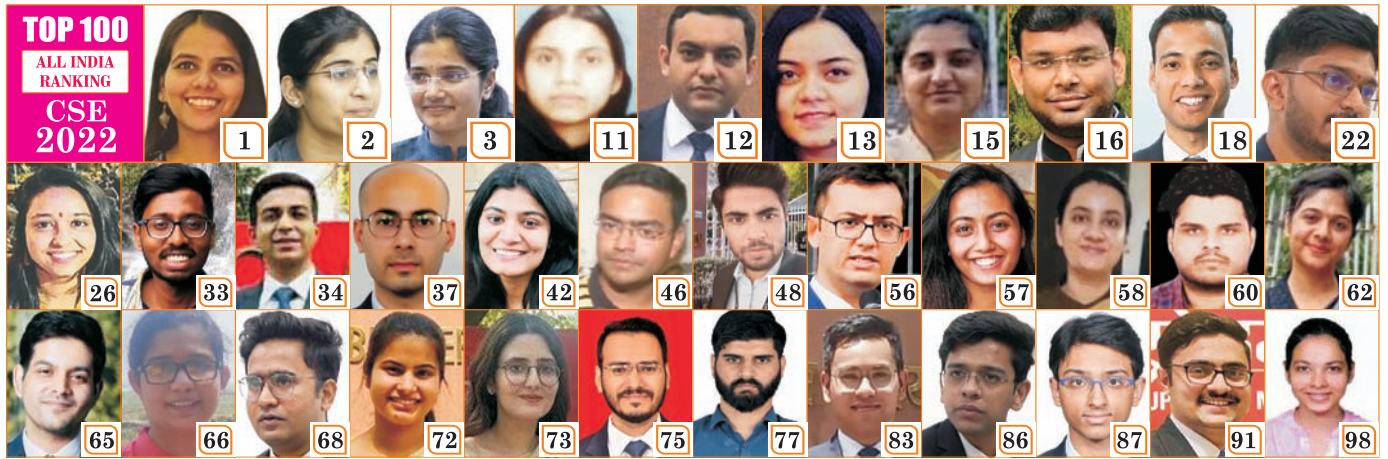


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