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## Sociology (Optional)

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*(Test Series: 10 Tests (6 Sectional Tests + 4 Full Comprehensive Tests) + 14 Value Addition Classes (2 after every Test) for Comprehensive Discussion on Paper)*

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## **Features of ATS - Sociology:**

- 1) The program will focus to maximise your score in sociology optional through a series of tests and value addition classes.
- 2) It will include
  - a) L1: Sectional tests (read and evaluate once the complete syllabus of both Sociology Paper I and Paper II)
  - b) L2: Content Enhancement Classes (gives you a differential and value-added content through incorporation of relevant current affairs and journals for both the papers.)
  - c) L3: Full Length Test (evaluate your complete preparation and make final correction for the exam)
  - d) Mentorship: Discuss your paper with the faculty to get insights on requisite presentation and content improvement. Tailor made strategic grooming of each candidate.
- 3) Detailed solution for every test in the form of Value Addition Classes.
- 4) Case Studies & relevant Current Affairs Classes for Paper I and Paper II for content enhancement.
- 5) Synchronic Completion of Syllabus.

## **Fees – ATS Sociology:**

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Course	Fees	Payment Options
ATS – Sociology Online   Offline	Rs. 10,000 + 18% (GST) <b>= Rs. 11,800/-</b>	Visit Offline Centre or Visit <b><u><a href="https://academy.forumias.com">academy.forumias.com</a></u></b>

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- This program is non-refundable and non-transferable. There is no difference between the online and offline mode – candidates can come and write the test at Test Center or remotely and send us scanned copies.
- Your test copies will be evaluated within 10 working days of copy submission.
- Discussion video will be uploaded within 48 working hours after the completion of classroom discussion.
- Students have to raise a ticket to get mentor calls, expect a call within 48-72 working hours after raising ticket.
- Every student has to create an account on academy.forumias.com irrespective of the mode (online/offline) chosen.
- Admission to the test centre will be granted only after validating ID card.
- Course on Student Portal for offline payments will be activated within 24 working hours from receipt of payment.
- In case of any query/difficulty while enrolling please reach out to us on 9821711605 / 011 – 49878625.

## TEST & CLASS PLAN

#	Date   Day	Activity (test/class)   Test Code	Syllabus
1	19th November   Tuesday   10 AM	Test 1   33220	<p><b>Sociology - The Discipline</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Modernity and social changes in Europe and emergence of sociology.</li> <li>b. Scope of the subject and comparison with other social sciences.</li> <li>c. Sociology and common sense.</li> </ul> <p><b>Sociology as Science:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Science, scientific method and critique.</li> <li>b. Major theoretical strands of research methodology.</li> <li>c. Positivism and its critique.</li> <li>d. Fact value and objectivity.</li> <li>e. Non- positivist methodologies</li> </ul>

			<b>Research Methods and Analysis:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Qualitative and quantitative methods.</li> <li>b. Techniques of data collection.</li> <li>c. Variables, sampling, hypothesis, reliability and validity.</li> </ol>
2	23rd November   Saturday   5 PM	Value Addition Class 1	
3	24th November   Sunday   5 PM	Value Addition Class 2	
4	26th November   Tuesday   10 AM	Test 2   33221	<b>Sociological Thinkers:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Karl Marx- Historical materialism, mode of production, alienation, class struggle.</li> <li>b. Emile Durkheim- Division of labour, social fact, suicide, religion and society.</li> <li>c. Max Weber- Social action, ideal types, authority, bureaucracy, protestant ethic and the spirit of capitalism.</li> <li>d. Talcott Parsons- Social system, pattern variables.</li> <li>e. Robert K. Merton- Latent and manifest functions, conformity and deviance, reference groups.</li> <li>f. Mead - Self and identity.</li> </ol> <b>Stratification and Mobility:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Concepts- equality, inequality, hierarchy, exclusion, poverty and deprivation.</li> <li>b. Theories of social stratification- Structural functionalist theory, Marxist theory, Weberian theory.</li> <li>c. Dimensions – Social stratification of class, status groups, gender, ethnicity and race.</li> <li>d. Social mobility- open and closed systems, types of mobility, sources and causes of mobility.</li> </ol>
5	30th November   Saturday   5 PM	Value Addition Class 3	
6	01st December   Sunday   5 PM	Value Addition Class 4	
7	03rd December   Tuesday   10 AM	Test 3   33222	<b>Works and Economic Life:</b>

			<p>a. Social organization of work in different types of society- slave society, feudal society, industrial /capitalist society.</p> <p>b. Formal and informal organization of work.</p> <p>c. Labour and society.</p> <p><b>Politics and Society:</b></p> <p>a. Sociological theories of power.</p> <p>b. Power elite, bureaucracy, pressure groups, and political parties.</p> <p>c. Nation, state, citizenship, democracy, civil society, ideology.</p> <p>d. Protest, agitation, social movements, collective action, revolution.</p> <p><b>Religion and Society:</b></p> <p>a. Sociological theories of religion.</p> <p>b. Types of religious practices: animism, monism, pluralism, sects, cults.</p> <p>c. Religion in modern society: religion and science, secularization, religious revivalism, fundamentalism.</p> <p><b>Systems of Kinship:</b></p> <p>a. Family, household, marriage.</p> <p>b. Types and forms of family.</p> <p>c. Lineage and descent.</p> <p>d. Patriarchy and sexual division of labour.</p> <p>e. Contemporary trends.</p> <p><b>Social Change in Modern Society:</b></p> <p>a. Sociological theories of social change.</p> <p>b. Development and dependency.</p> <p>c. Agents of social change.</p> <p>d. Education and social change.</p> <p>e. Science, technology and social change.</p>
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8	07th December   Saturday   5 PM	Value Addition Class 5	
9	08th December   Sunday   5 PM	Value Addition Class 6	
10	10th December   Tuesday   10 AM	Test 4   33223	<p><b>Introducing Indian Society:</b></p> <p><b>(i) Perspectives on the study of Indian society:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Indology (GS. Ghurye).</li> <li>b. Structural functionalism (M N Srinivas).</li> <li>c. Marxist sociology (A R Desai).</li> </ol> <p><b>(ii) Impact of colonial rule on Indian society:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Social background of Indian nationalism.</li> <li>b. Modernization of Indian tradition.</li> <li>c. Protests and movements during the colonial period.</li> <li>d. Social reforms.</li> </ol>
11	14th December   Saturday   5 PM	Value Addition Class 7	
12	15th December   Sunday   5 PM	Value Addition Class 8	
13	17th December   Tuesday   10 AM	Test 5   33224	<p><b>Social Structure:</b></p> <p><b>(i) Rural and Agrarian Social Structure:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) The idea of Indian village and village studies.</li> <li>(b) Agrarian social structure - evolution of land tenure system, land reforms.</li> </ol> <p><b>(ii) Caste System:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Perspectives on the study of caste systems: GS Ghurye, M N Srinivas, Louis Dumont, Andre Beteille.</li> <li>(b) Features of caste system.</li> <li>(c) Untouchability - forms and perspectives.</li> </ol> <p><b>(iii) Tribal communities in India:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Definitional problems.</li> <li>(b) Geographical spread.</li> <li>(c) Colonial policies and tribes.</li> <li>(d) Issues of integration and autonomy.</li> </ol>

			<p><b>(iv) Social Classes in India:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Agrarian class structure.</li> <li>(b) Industrial class structure.</li> <li>(c) Middle classes in India.</li> </ul> <p><b>(v) Systems of Kinship in India:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Lineage and descent in India.</li> <li>(b) Types of kinship systems.</li> <li>(c) Family and marriage in India.</li> <li>(d) Household dimensions of the family.</li> <li>(e) Patriarchy, entitlements and sexual division of labour.</li> </ul> <p><b>(vi) Religion and Society:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Religious communities in India.</li> <li>(b) Problems of religious minorities.</li> </ul>
14	21st December   Saturday   5 PM	Value Addition Class 9	
15	22nd December   Sunday   5 PM	Value Addition Class 10	
16	24th December   Tuesday   10 AM	Test 6   33225	<p><b>Social Changes in India:</b></p> <p><b>(i) Visions of Social Change in India:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Idea of development planning and mixed economy.</li> <li>(b) Constitution, law and social change.</li> <li>(c) Education and social change.</li> </ul> <p><b>(ii) Rural and Agrarian transformation in India:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Programmes of rural development, Community Development Programme, cooperatives, poverty alleviation schemes.</li> <li>(b) Green revolution and social change.</li> <li>(c) Changing modes of production in Indian agriculture.</li> <li>(d) Problems of rural labour, bondage, migration.</li> </ul> <p><b>(iii) Industrialization and Urbanisation in India:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Evolution of modern industry in India.</li> <li>(b) Growth of urban settlements in India.</li> </ul>

			<p>(c) Working class: structure, growth, class mobilization.          (d) Informal sector, child labour.          (e) Slums and deprivation in urban areas.</p> <p><b>(iv) Politics and Society:</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>(v) Social Movements in Modern India:</b></p> <p>(a) Peasants and farmers movements.          (b) Women’s movement.          (c) Backward classes &amp; Dalit movement.          (d) Environmental movements.          (e) Ethnicity and Identity movements.</p> <p><b>(vi) Population Dynamics:</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>(vii) Challenges of Social Transformation:</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, religious revivalism.          (f) Illiteracy and disparities in education</p>
17	28th December   Saturday   5 PM	Value Addition Class 11	
18	29th December   Sunday   5 PM	Value Addition Class 12	



19	04th January   Saturday   10 AM	Test 7   33226	PAPER 1 – Full Length
20	05th January   Sunday   10 AM	Test 8   33227	PAPER 2 – Full Length
21	11th January   Saturday   5 PM	Value Addition Class 13	
22	12th January   Sunday   5 PM	Value Addition Class 14	
23	18th January   Saturday   9 AM*	Test 9   33228	PAPER 1 – Full Length
24	18th January   Saturday   2 PM *	Test 10   33229	PAPER 2 – Full Length

\* There will be no discussion classes for Test 9 and Test 10. You will be provided evaluation and model solutions for the same.