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24 June 2026 Wednesday	Paper I	<p>Sociological Thinkers</p> <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· Talcott Parsons- Social System, Pattern Variables· Robert K. Merton- Latent And Manifest Functions, Conformity And Deviance, Reference Groups· Mead – Self And Identity <p>Stratification And 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· 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



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01 July 2026 Wednesday	Paper I	<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 And 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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08 July 2026 Wednesday	Paper II	<p>Perspectives On The Study Of Indian Society</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">· Indology (G S Ghurye)· Structural Functionalism (M N Srinivas)· Marxist Sociology (A R Desai) <p>Impact Of Colonial Rule On Indian Society</p> <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>Rural And Agrarian Social Structure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">· The Idea Of Indian Village And Village Studies· Agrarian Social Structure – Evolution Of Land Tenure System, Land Reforms <p>Caste System</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">· Perspectives On The Study Of Caste Systems: G S Ghurye, M N Srinivas, Louis Dumont, Andre Beteille· Features Of Caste System· Untouchability – Forms And Perspectives



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15 July 2026 Wednesday	Paper II	<p>Tribal Communities In India</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">· Definitional Problems· Geographical Spread· Colonial Policies And Tribes <p>Social Classes In India</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">· Agrarian Class Structure· Industrial Class Structure· Middle Classes In India <p>Systems Of Kinship In India</p> <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 <p>Religion And Society</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">· Religious Communities In India· Problems Of Religious Minorities <p>Visions Of Social Change In India</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">· Idea Of Development Planning And Mixed Economy· Constitution, Law And Social Change· Education And Social Change <p>Rural And Agrarian Transformation In India</p> <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



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22 July 2026 Wednesday	Paper II	<p>Industrialization And Urbanisation In India</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">· Evolution Of Modern Industry In India· Growth Of Urban Settlements In India· Working Class: Structure, Growth, Class MobilizationInformal 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 <p>Social Movements In Modern India</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">· Peasants And Farmers Movements· Women'S Movement· Backward Classes & Dalit Movement· Environmental Movements· Ethnicity And Identity Movements <p>Population Dynamics</p> <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 <p>Challenges Of Social Transformation</p> <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
29 July 2026 Wednesday	Paper I	FLT 1
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