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SCAN TO ENQUIRE

Date (Time)	Chapter	Topics to be Covered
07/07/2026 (Tuesday)	1. Sociology - The Discipline:	(a) Modernity and social changes in Europe and emergence of Sociology.
08/07/2026 (Wednesday)	1. Sociology - The Discipline:	(b) Scope of the subject and comparison with other social sciences. (c) Sociology and common sense.
09/07/2026 (Thursday)	2. Sociology as Science:	(a) Science, scientific method and critique.
14/07/2026 (Tuesday)	2. Sociology as Science:	(b) Major theoretical strands of research methodology.
15/07/2026 (Wednesday)	2. Sociology as Science:	(c) Positivism and its critique. (d) Fact value and objectivity.
16/07/2026 (Thursday)	2. Sociology as Science:	(e) Non-positivist methodologies
21/07/2026 (Tuesday)	3. Research Methods and Analysis:	(a) Qualitative and quantitative methods.
22/07/2026 (Wednesday)	3. Research Methods and Analysis:	(b) Techniques of data collection.
23/07/2026 (Thursday)	3. Research Methods and Analysis:	(c) Variables, sampling, hypothesis. (c) hypothesis, reliability and validity.
28/07/2026 (Tuesday)	4. Sociological Thinkers:	(a) Karl Marx - Historical materialism, mode of production, alienation, class struggle.
29/07/2026 (Wednesday)	4. Sociological Thinkers:	(a) Karl Marx - Historical materialism, mode of production, alienation, class struggle. (f) Mead - Self and identity.
30/07/2026 (Thursday)	4. Sociological Thinkers:	(b) Emile Durkheim - Division of labour, social fact, suicide, religion and society.
04/08/2026 (Tuesday)	4. Sociological Thinkers:	(b) Emile Durkheim - suicide, religion and society.
05/08/2026 (Wednesday)	4. Sociological Thinkers:	(c) Max Weber - Social action, ideal types, authority, bureaucracy, protestant ethic and the spirit of capitalism.
06/08/2026 (Thursday)	4. Sociological Thinkers:	(c) Max Weber - bureaucracy, protestant ethic and the spirit of capitalism.



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11/08/2026 (Tuesday)	4. Sociological Thinkers:	(d) Talcolt Parsons - Social system, pattern variables.
12/08/2026 (Wednesday)	4. Sociological Thinkers:	(e) Robert K. Merton - Latent and manifest functions, conformity and deviance, reference groups.
13/08/2026 (Thursday)	A. Introducing Indian Society : (i) Perspectives on the Study of Indian Society :	(a) Indology (G.S. Ghurey). (b) Structural functionalism (M. N. Srinivas).
18/08/2026 (Tuesday)	A. Introducing Indian Society : (i) Perspectives on the Study of Indian Society :	(b) Structural functionalism (M. N. Srinivas). (c) Marxist sociology (A. R. Desai).
19/08/2026 (Wednesday)	TEST NO. - 01	SYLLABUS - CHAPTERS COMPLETED TILL NOW
20/08/2026 (Thursday)	5. Stratification and Mobility :	(a) Concepts - equality, inequality, hierarchy, exclusion, poverty and deprivation. (b) Theories of social stratification - Structural functionalist theory, Marxist theory, Weberian theory.
25/08/2026 (Tuesday)	5. Stratification and Mobility :	(c) Dimensions - Social stratification of class, status groups, gender, ethnicity and race. (d) Social mobility - open and closed systems, types of mobility, sources and causes of mobility.
26/08/2026 (Wednesday)	B. Social Structure: (iii) Tribal Communities in India:	(a) Definitional problems. (b) Geographical spread. (c) Colonial policies and tribes. (d) Issues of integration and autonomy.
27/08/2026 (Thursday)	B. Social Structure: (iv) Social Classes in India:	(a) Agrarian class structure. (b) Industrial class structure. (c) Middle classes in India.
01/09/2026 (Tuesday)	B. Social Structure: (ii) Caste System:	(a) Perspectives on the study of caste systems: G. S. Ghurye, M. N. Srinivas, Louis Dumont, Andre Beteille. (b) Features of caste system. (c) Untouchability-forms and perspectives
02/09/2026 (Wednesday)	6. Works and Economic Life:	(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.



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03/09/2026 (Thursday)	C. Social Changes in India: (iii) Industrialization and Urbanisation in India:	(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.
08/09/2026 (Tuesday)	7. Politics and Society:	(a) Sociological theories of power. (b) Power elite, bureaucracy, pressure groups and political parties.
09/09/2026 (Wednesday)	7. Politics and Society:	(c) Nation, state, citizenship, democracy, civil society, ideology. (d) Protest, agitation, social movements, collective action, revolution.
10/09/2026 (Thursday)	TEST NO. - 02	SYLLABUS - AFTER TEST 1 TO TILL NOW
15/09/2026 (Tuesday)	C. Social Changes in India: (iv) Politics and Society :	(a) Nation, democracy and citizenship. (b) Political parties, pressure groups, social and political elite. (c) Regionalism and decentralization of power. (d) Secularization.
16/09/2026 (Wednesday)	C. Social Changes in India: (v) Social Movements in Modern India :	(a) Peasants and farmers movements. (b) Women's movement. (c) Backward classes & Dalit movements. (d) Environmental movements. (e) Ethnicity and Identity movements.
17/09/2026 (Thursday)	A. Introducing Indian Society : (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.
22/09/2026 (Tuesday)	8. Religion and Society :	(a) Sociological theories of religion. (b) Types of religious practices: animism, monism, pluralism, sects, cults.
23/09/2026 (Wednesday)	8. Religion and Society :	(c) Religion in modern society: religion and science, secularization, religious revivalism, fundamentalism.
24/09/2026 (Thursday)	B. Social Structure: (vi) Religion and Society :	(a) Religious communities in India. (b) Problems of religious minorities.
29/09/2026 (Tuesday)	9. Systems of Kinship:	(a) Family, household, marriage. (b) Types and forms of family. (c) Lineage and descent. (e) Contemporary trends. (d) Patriarchy and sexual division of labour.

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30/09/2026 (Wednesday)	B. Social Structure: (v) Systems of Kinship in India:	(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.
01/10/2026 (Thursday)	TEST NO. - 03	SYLLABUS - AFTER TEST 2 TO TILL NOW
06/10/2026 (Tuesday)	10. Social Change in Modern Society:	(a) Sociological theories of social change. (b) Development and dependency.
	10. Social Change in Modern Society:	(c) Agents of social change. (d) Education and social change. (e) Science, technology and social change.
07/10/2026 (Wednesday)	C. Social Changes in India: (i) Visions of Social Change in India:	(a) Idea of development planning and mixed economy. (b) Constitution, law and social change (c) Education and social change.
08/10/2026 (Thursday)	C. Social Changes in India: (ii) Rural and Agrarian Transformation in India	(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.
13/10/2026 (Tuesday)	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.
14/10/2026 (Wednesday)	C. Social Changes in India: (vi) Population Dynamics :	(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.
15/10/2026 (Thursday)	C. Social Changes in India: (vii) Challenges of Social Transformation : (along with related chapters)	(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.
22/10/2026 (Thursday)	TEST NO. - 04	FULL LENGTH TEST (10 Questions from Paper 1 & 10 Questions from Paper 2)



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