



SOCIOLOGY HIT LIST - 2018

PREDICTED THE UNPREDICTABLE

100%

FOR THE **9**TH TIME IN ROW (2009...2017)

ALL INDIA SOCIOLOGY TOPPERS SINCE 2011

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ALL INDIA SOCIOLOGY TOPPERS



Ms. Priyanka Bothra

AIR 106, Civil Services Exam 2017
Sociology Score: 289/500



Mr. Vasanth Meshach

AIR 558, Civil Services Exam 2017
Sociology Score: 284/500



Ms. Anu, IAS
Marks - 308/500
(2016)



Mr. Ankit Asokan, IPS
Marks - 303/500
(2016)



Dr. Vaithinathan, IAS
Marks - 262/500
(2015)



Ms. Sharanya Ari, IAS
Marks - 256/500
(2015)



Mr. Atul kulkarni, IPS
Marks - 286/500
(2014)



Mr. Selvanagarathinam, IPS
Marks - 240/500
(2013)



Mr. Bhaskaran, IPS
Marks - 197/300
(2012)



Mr. Ramkumar, IFS
Marks - 198/300
(2011)



SOCIOLOGY

Hit List-2018

PAPER I

SHORT NOTES (10 markers)

1. Sociology and common sense
2. Sociology and philosophy /History /Economics/Anthropology/Psychology
3. Sociology as interpretative science
4. Positivism & Symbolic Interactionism
5. Problems of objectivity
6. Techniques of data collection- Social surveys, Participant observation, Questionnaires and Interviews
7. Quantitative and Qualitative methods
8. Social Facts(E.Durkheim)
9. Class in itself and Class for itself
10. AGIL
11. Latent and Manifest functions
12. Reference groups and Relative deprivation
13. Social stratification- Class ,Status ,Gender ,Ethnicity and Race as dimensions
14. Status inconsistency in Modern societies
15. Globalisation : Growing Poverty ,inequality and social Exclusion
16. Types of Mobility –Vertical ,horizontal,intergenerational
17. Social organization of work in feudal and capitalist society
18. Social determinants of Economic development
19. Informal organization of work
20. Legitimate Authority,Bureaucracy and dysfunction
21. Democracy and civil society
22. Difference between Pressure group and Political parties
23. Power Elite
24. Globalisation and Citizenship
25. New Social movement,Protest,collective action and revolution
26. Sects and cults
27. Gender roles in changing structure of family
28. Sex Vs Gender / The problem of gender
29. Education and social change /Agents of social change

LONG ANSWERS (20 markers)

1. Intellectual background , World revolution and emergence of sociology
2. Religion : Durkheim Vs Weber
3. Division of Labour : Durkheim Vs Karl Marx
4. Comparison of Alienation(Karl Marx) ,Anomie (Durkheim) and Rationalisation (Weber)
5. Mode of production (Karl Marx)
6. Class struggle (Karl Marx Vs Weber)
7. Protestant ethics and spirit of capitalism(Weber)
8. Ideal Type (Weber)



9. Social Action (Weber and Parsons)
10. Social System and Equilibrium (Parsons)
11. Social structure and anomie(R.K. Merton and Durkheim)
12. Critiques to Classical Functionalism by R.K. Merton (Functional Paradigm)
13. Self and Society (G.H Mead)
14. Davis and Moore theory of social stratification
15. Melvin Tumin's criticism of functional theories of social stratification
16. Open society – Closed society debate
17. Threats to Nationalism Today (Globalization Perspective)
18. Globalisation and power of the State
19. Democracy and Identity Politics
20. Secularization and Cultural Nationalism/pluralism
21. Religious revivalism and fundamentalism.
22. Religion and science
23. Changing family and marriage today /Threats
24. Patriarchy and sexual division of labour/Feminist movements
25. Development and dependency
26. Compare Marxian and Weberian theories of social change
27. Compare Marxian and Parsonian views on social change
28. Tradition and Modernity in social change/Structural constraints to social change

PAPER II

SHORT NOTES (10 markers)

1. Sanskritisation and Westernisation
2. Universalisation and Parochialisation
3. Little tradition and Great tradition
4. Homohierarchicus / Purity and Pollution (Louis Dumont)
5. Socio religious reform movements
6. Self Respect Movement
7. SNDP Movement
8. Dominant Caste and politics
9. Reservation/Protective discrimination
10. Caste among non Hindus
11. Sociology of Intercaste marriages / Caste conflicts / Honour killing
12. Marriage as sacrament and Marriage as a contract
13. Industrial class structure -Working class mobilization
14. Integration/Assimilation of Tribes – Problem of Tribal identity
15. Tribes and Caste – Comparison
16. Family and house hold
17. Development induced displacement of tribes /rural landless farmers
18. Child and Infant mortality
19. Problems of bondage



20. Problems of aged
21. Urbanisation / Migration/Slums/Culture of poverty
22. Globalisation and Informalisation of work
23. Child labour
24. Child sexual abuse / POCSO Act 2012
25. Political Elites
26. Pressure groups and Civil society in India
27. Educational inequalities /Privatisation of Education
28. Annihilation of caste/Dalit capitalism
29. Structural factors behind violence / Sexual Harassment against women
30. Constitution, law and social change
31. Equal laws for Women/Patriarchy and entitlements
32. Triple talaq and Uniform civil code
33. Manual Scavenging
34. Intolerance in India today/Mob lynching
35. Social consequences of market economy
36. Generation gap /Youth unrest today
37. Social media network
38. Religion and gender inequality (Sabarimala temple issue)

LONG ANSWERS (20markers)

1. Indology (G.S.Ghurye)
2. Structure functionalism (M.N.Srinivas)
3. Marxism (A.R.Desai)
4. Modernization of Indian tradition - Coexistence of Tradition and Modernity
5. Perspectives on the study of caste systems: Louis Dumont and Andre Beteille
6. Family/Marriage Changes / crisis in India Today(Impact of Urbanisation/Industrialisation/Globalisation)
7. Patriarchy and women - Changing status of women / Women's movement
8. Changing Modes of Production in Indian Agriculture – Green revolution/Globalisation/Capitalism
9. Programmes of rural development, Community Development Programme, cooperatives
10. Poverty, deprivation, inequalities and poverty alleviation schemes
11. Relation between Poverty and social structure (Gender,Caste,Tribe and religious minorities)
12. Globalisation and rising inequalities/Poverty
13. Regionalism and decentralization of power
14. Demography and social structure - Constraints (Population policy/ Family planning)
15. Nature of Secularism – Threats today – Cultural/ Ethno/Hyper Nationalism
16. Communalism ,religious revivalism and Ethnic conflicts
17. Uneven development and Tribal unrest
18. Farmers Suicide and Agrarian Unrest today



19. Backward Classes Movements in South India and North India
20. Dalit consciousness today
21. Ethnicity and Identity movements
22. Crisis of development: displacement, environmental problems and sustainability

ROAD TO 300+ MARKS IN SOCIOLOGY:

- 1) ALL QUESTIONS IN BOTH PAPERS NEEDS CONTEMPORARY DIMENSIONS (Globalization)
- 2) ATTEMPT ALL THINKERS QUESTION IN PAPER 1
- 3) DIRECTLY LIFT SOCIOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVES/JARGONS FROM PAPER 1 TO WRITE PAPER 2 ANSWERS
- 4) NEVER WRITE G.S ANSWERS IN SOCIOLOGY (especially in paper 2)
- 5) LINK SOCIAL ISSUES WITH SOCIOLOGY
- 6) CITE ILLUSTRATIONS/EXAMPLES
- 7) COMPLETE THE PAPER
- 8) FOR VALUE ADDITION KINDLY FOLLOW OUR SOCIOLOGY CURRENT AFFAIRS VIDEOS (100 + TOPICS) 2018 & 2017 .

2018

- Part – 1 = <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0AwuepP9k20>
- Part – 2 = https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ObgUa8_ptAw
- Part – 3 = <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jyUFef7IFbo>
- Part – 4 = <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RmyqB0fSQIY>

2017

- Part – 1 = <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YQTWmiKBwm8&t=4556s>
- Part – 2 = <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sBLUOMYUPA0>

YOUR ACTION INSIDE EXAM HALL:

- 1) Before starting to write the answer read the question 5 times to understand fully.
- 2) Underline the key words in question and often repeat in the answer directly and indirectly
- 3) Your first answer should be your best answer.
- 4) Write long answers first and then start writing short notes

TIME MANAGEMENT:

- 1) 9 am – 9:10 am : Read the question paper fully
- 2) Write every Long answer for 15 min (6 long answers X 15 min = 90 min)
- 3) Write every Short notes for 6 min (13 Short notes X 6 min = 78 min)

PREDICT THE UNPREDICTABLE:

- 1) UPSC MAY ASK 12 MARKERS AS SHORT NOTES INSTEAD OF 10 or 15 OR 20 MARKERS
- 2) SO READ THE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY



3) IN GENERAL FOLLOW THIS:

- 1) *WRITE LONG ANSWERS IN 90 Minutes (i.e 9 am to 10.30 am)*
- 2) *WRITE SHORT NOTES IN 80 Minutes (i.e 10.30 am to 12 noon)*

Wishing You All The Very Best

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