



SOCIOLOGY SPECIAL CLASSES PROGRAM 2011

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The Program has been designed to cover Sociology (Paper 1, Paper 2) for the Main examination, over a period of three months, in the most effective manner possible. The Program has been divided into 3 Parts, each part catering to different requirements of the students. These being:

1. STUDY – MATERIAL (PAPER 1, PAPER 2)
2. 30 CLASSES (2 CLASSES PER WEEK)
3. TEST –SERIES (DISCUSSION) (25th June – 30th September, 2011)

A detailed description of the 3 PARTS has been given below, for the students to understand the nature of each of the component and accordingly make a decision, as to which suits them the most.

1. STUDY MATERIAL:

The Study material (Paper 1, Paper 2) has been given in the form of booklets. The content of the study material has been developed from standard books, magazines and Journals. The booklets are comprehensive in nature, covering each and every topic given in the syllabus. Reading of all the booklets is important and necessary as the topics of the units are inter-linked. An idea of all the concepts in the syllabus, would enrich sociological knowledge, which would ultimately get reflected in the answers written by a candidate. For quick and easy reading of all the topics, the material given on every topic has been kept precise and relevant, from the point of view of the examination.

2. 30 CLASSES.

There would be a total of 30 classes held, over a period of three months. All the topics, involving concepts and sociological themes/perspectives would be discussed in the class. A list of all the topics to be covered in the class has been provided. The discussion in the class would involve only clarifying the concepts and giving a background of the topic. This being done in the class, the students will then be placed better, to read more effectively and quickly the material provided to them, so as to cover the areas touched in the class. An attempt to keep pace, with the areas/topics covered in the class, would enable the students to complete the whole syllabus in a period of three months. The discussions in the class would be kept short and context-specific.

The idea is only to make the students familiar with the entire syllabus of sociology, in a period of three months.

It has often been seen that students with good writing skills do not necessarily get good scores in the main examination, the problem area being a weak understanding of the concepts involved. This often becomes an obstacle in clear and lucid expression of one's ideas/points. The objective of the class here is to prepare the correct base, in order to get an advantage in answer writing. The study-material provided and the discussion in the test-series schedule would further provide the value-additions required, for enhancing one's quality. Clarity with concepts and themes will lessen the burden on this front, and leave the students with sufficient time to read that 'little extra' to better one's performance, in terms of answer-writing.

3. TEST-SERIES:

The test-series schedule includes a total of 10 Tests, to be conducted in every 10 days, beginning from the 25th of June, 2011 (30th September, 2011). The questions in the tests have been framed in a manner so as to be able to test an aspirant's conceptual-clarity and analytical-skills while writing answers. The objective of the test-series is to enable the aspirants to be able to write precise, relevant and well-framed answers. All these important criterion can be easily developed and maintained through a total of 10 tests, to be taken.

Every test would be followed by a discussion, to clarify doubts with regard to the questions given or the formatting of the answers. Typed answer-format would be provided for every test-paper, which would be of great help for questions not attempted in a test. The answer-format can be a guide for students to be able to attempt questions in every successive test, in a more relevant and quality-enhancing manner.

The Program is therefore, an all-encompassing one, attempting to deliver to the aspirants all that is required to firstly, cover the syllabus and secondly, to be able to write good/relevant answers. Covering of the material along with the classes (2 classes per week) and continuous test-writing (10 tests), would undoubtedly help the aspirants get a good score in Sociology optional. This can be said with near certainty, as the classes would give conceptual-clarity and the test-writing sessions would help in consolidating the knowledge acquired.

The Program however, has been made flexible to meet and suit different needs/demands of the aspirants. One can therefore, enroll for the entire Program or may opt for any one/two components, depending on one's requirement. All the 3 components have been prepared in a way to meet specific needs of the students.