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PAPER-I (FUNDAMENTALS OF SOCIOLOGY)

- **Sociology - The Discipline:**
 - (a) Modernity and social changes in Europe and emergence of Sociology.
 - (b) Scope of the subject and comparison with other social sciences.
 - (c) Sociology and common sense.
- **Sociology as Science:**
 - (a) Science, scientific method, and critique.
 - (b) Major theoretical strands of research methodology.
 - (c) Positivism and its critique.
 - (d) Fact value and objectivity.
 - (e) Non-positivist methodologies.
- **Research Methods and Analysis:**
 - (a) Qualitative and quantitative methods.
 - (b) Techniques of data collection.
 - (c) Variables, sampling, hypothesis, reliability, and validity.

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- **Sociological Thinkers:**

- (a) Karl Marx - Historical materialism, mode of production, alienation, class struggle.
- (b) Emile Durkheim - Division of labour, social fact, suicide, religion and society.
- (c) Max Weber - Social action, ideal types, authority, bureaucracy, protestant ethic and the spirit of capitalism.
- (d) Talcott Parsons - Social system, pattern variables.
- (e) Robert K. Merton - Latent and manifest functions, conformity and deviance, reference groups.
- (f) Mead - Self and identity.

- **Stratification and Mobility:**

- (a) Concepts - equality, inequality, hierarchy, exclusion, poverty, and deprivation.
- (b) Theories of social stratification - Structural functionalist theory, Marxist theory, Weberian theory.
- (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.

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- **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.

- **Politics and Society:**

- (a) Sociological theories of power.
- (b) Power elite, bureaucracy, pressure groups and political parties.
- (c) Nation, state, citizenship, democracy, civil society, ideology.
- (d) Protest, agitation, social movements, collective action, revolution.

- **Religion and Society:**

- (a) Sociological theories of religion.
- (b) Types of religious practices: animism, monism, pluralism, sects, cults.
- (c) Religion in modern society: religion and science, secularization, religious revivalism, fundamentalism.

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- **Systems of Kinship:**
 - (a) Family, household, marriage.
 - (b) Types and forms of family.
 - (c) Lineage and descent.
 - (d) Patriarchy and sexual division of labour.
 - (e) Contemporary trends.

- **Social Change in Modern Society:**
 - (a) Sociological theories of social change.
 - (b) Development and dependency.
 - (c) Agents of social change.
 - (d) Education and social change.
 - (e) Science, technology, and social change.

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INDIAN SOCIETY: STRUCTURE AND CHANGE

A. Introducing Indian Society:

- **Perspectives on the Study of Indian Society:**
 - (a) Indology (G.S. Ghure).
 - (b) Structural functionalism (M. N. Srinivas).
 - (c) Marxist sociology (A. R. Desai).
- **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.

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B. Social Structure:

- **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.

- **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

- **Tribal Communities in India:**

- (a) Definitional problems.
- (b) Geographical spread.
- (c) Colonial policies and tribes.
- (d) Issues of integration and autonomy.

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C. Social Changes in India:

- **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.

- **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.

- **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.

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C. Social Changes in India:

- **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.

- **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.

- **Population Dynamics:**

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.

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- **Challenges of Social Transformation:**

- (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.

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Sociology Books for UPSC Optional Paper I

- Introduction to Sociology by Anthony Giddens
- Sociological Theory by George Ritzer
- Sociology Themes and Perspectives by Haralambos & Holborn
- A Dictionary of Sociology by John Scott
- Sociological Thought by Francis Abraham and John Henry Morgan
- An Introduction to Political Theory by O P Gauba

Sociology Books for UPSC Optional Paper II

- Social Change in Modern India by M N Srinivas
- Caste Its Twentieth Century Avatar by M N Srinivas
- Handbook of Indian Sociology by Veena Das
- Indian Society: Themes and Social Issues by Nadeem Hasnain
- Modernization of Indian Tradition by Yogendra Singh
- Rural Sociology by S.L Doshi and P.C Jain
- Social Background of Indian Nationalism by A R Desai

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