

Last Look

Important Questions and Social Issues (Main Examination, 2022)

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Dear Candidates, in the **Sociology Optional Paper of Civil Services Main Examination**, in each Paper (Paper I and II), a total of 28 Questions (including 10 Short Notes) are asked every year.

Just before the Main Examination, **Sir** identifies **56 Themes** (for both Paper I and II) that are considered very important and relevant from that year's Main Examination's perspective. The list of the **Important Questions and Social Issues** for Main Examination is presented every year in the form of *Last Look*.

This list of important questions and social issues is made as per *Theme-Based Approach*. You are thus suggested to have a *Last Look* at the mentioned topics as per the given sequence. I personally believe that it would significantly enhance your conceptual interlinking and analytical skills.

1. Early Sociology Emerged as a Reaction to the Enlightenment. Comment.
2. Sociological Imagination (C.W. Mills)
3. Sociology and History, Sociology and Anthropology
4. Positivist and Phenomenological (Interpretative) Approaches
5. Objectivity in Social Sciences
6. Reliability and Validity
7. Quantitative and Qualitative Research Methods: Ontological and Epistemological Assumptions

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8. Qualitative Research Methods (Interview, Focus Group Discussion, Participant Observation, Ethnography)
9. Mode of Production and Dialectics
10. Relevance of Marxian Theory in Understanding Social Change in the Contemporary Indian Society
11. Durkheim's Theoretical and Methodological Contributions in Establishing Sociology as a Scientific Discipline
12. Social Consequences of Division of Labour
13. Suicide as a Social Fact
14. Critically Examine Durkheim's Theory of Religion in Contemporary Context of Increasing Religious Revivalism and Fundamentalism
15. Social Action as the Subject Matter of Sociology, Verstehen, Ideal Types
16. Compare the Contributions of Durkheim and Weber in the Sociology of Religion
17. Post-Weberian Developments in the Studies of Industrial Bureaucracy
18. Social Action: Weber and Parsons
19. AGIL and Family as a Social System.
20. Theories of Social Change: Marx and Parsons
21. Classical Functionalism and Merton's Functional Paradigm
22. Reference Group Theory and the Dalit Movement
23. Examine the Recent Developments in the Population Growth in India with the help of Merton's Manifest and Latent Functions
24. Symbolic Interactionism
25. Theories of Social Stratification: Marx, Weber, Davis and Moore, Melvin M. Tumin
26. Redefining the Concept of Class: W.G. Runciman, John Goldthorpe, Anthony Giddens, Erik Olin Wright,
27. Proletarianisation, Embourgeoisement, Habitus
28. Post-Industrial Society, Information Society / Knowledge Society / Network Society, Risk Society
29. Social Mobility: Degree, Causes and Consequences
30. Poverty and Social Exclusion: Types, Causes and Consequences
31. Perspectives in Indian Sociology: Indology (G.S. Ghurye, Louis Dumont), Structural-Functionalism (M.N. Srinivas), Marxist Sociology (A.R. Desai), Weberian Sociology (Andre Beteille)

32. Caste and its changing nature
33. Increasing Cases of Violence Against Dalits in India: Causes and Remedies
34. Untouchability: Forms and Perspectives
35. Scheduled Tribes, Scheduled Castes (Dalits) and Women: Issues and Remedies
36. India's Changing Villages, Agrarian Unrest: Causes and Remedies, Recent Farmers' Agitation, Problems of Rural Labour
37. Middle Classes in India
38. Globalization and Informal Sector in India
39. Child Labour, Slums and Deprivation in Urban Areas
40. Theories of Power
41. Analyse the Functions of Political Parties in India
42. Composition and Orientation of Social and Political Elite in India
43. Role of Interest Groups, Pressure Groups and Civil Society in a Democracy
44. Theories of Nation (Views of Marx, Durkheim, Parsons, Ernest Gellner, Benedict Anderson)
45. New Social Movements, Dalit Movement
46. Crises of Development: Displacement, Environmental Problems and Sustainability
47. Religious Revivalism (Issues), Religious Fundamentalism (Causes, Challenges and Remedies) and Secularisation (as an Ideology and Process)
48. Religious Minorities: Problems and Remedies
49. Contemporary Trends in Family (Changing Structure, Forms and Functions)
50. Patriarchy, Entitlements and Sexual Division of Labour
51. Sociological Theories of Social Change
52. Development and Dependency
53. New Education Policy, Education and Social Change
54. Environment, Science & Technology and Social Change
55. Constitution, Law and Social Change
56. Emerging Issues: Ageing, Sex Ratios, Child and Infant Mortality, Reproductive Health

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