

# SOCIOLOGY

**Meet The Author**

*Introduction to Sociology: Concepts and Theories*

(Routledge, 2022)

## Sociology: The Discipline Vs Sociology: The Optional

- Though a newcomer as a social science discipline but has accumulated a vast body of literature – a large number of concepts and theories
- Our aim should not be to master Sociology – The Discipline
- Our aim should be – just to know and understand enough of sociological knowledge – that will enable us to attempt the entire paper and score high

## Topic-based approach Vs. Theme-based approach

- **Theme-based approach** will help us to cover the entire syllabus in shortest possible time and with minimum effort.
- Our **Answer-writing approach** (dialectical approach) will ensure high score.
- Topic-based approach is **Content-based approach**
- Theme-based approach is **Analysis-based approach**

# Changing Examination Pattern

➤ Old Examination Pattern: Long Questions (60 Marks)

Short Questions (20 Marks)

➤ New Examination Pattern: Long Questions (20 Marks)

Short Questions (10 Marks)

➤ New Examination Pattern requires a **New Approach**

# Some Questions As Indicators For A New Approach:

- Q. Explain Leela Dube's concept of "Seed and Earth". (2022/10)
- Q. Bring out the various issues involved in Dalit movements in India. (2022/20)
- Q. Europe was the first and the only place where modernity emerged. Comment. (2021/10)
- Q. Is Indian society moving from "Hierarchy" towards "Differentiation"? Illustrate your answer with suitable examples. (2021/20)
- Q. In the context of globalization, has the scope of sociology been changing in India? Comment. (2020/10)
- Q. Elaborate Srinivas's views on religion and society among the Coorgs. (2019/10)
- Q. What do you understand by discrete castes and muddled hierarchies? Substantiate your answer with suitable illustrations. (2018/20)

# **New Approach**

Prepare for the Civil Services Examination with a  
**Competitive Approach**

Write the Sociology Optional Paper with an  
**Academic Approach**

**(Academic Reading + Academic Writing)**

**Choice Is Yours**

**Are You Happy Being  
A Civil Services Aspirant**

**Or**

**You Want To Be A Civil Servant?**

# **To Be Frank**

**Those students who simply rely on the notes of any coaching institute, some reference book or some readily available short notes are most likely to end up only as a Civil Services Aspirant.**

**Superficial and Fragmented Knowledge  
will take you nowhere**

**You can verify this with your seniors who have written Mains with Sociology Optional 3-4 times and are still preparing for the next Prelims.**



# Possible Future Trend of Sociology Optional

In light of the changing nature of questions being asked in the Sociology Optional in Civil Services Examination, it appears that it would be relatively easier for **candidates with a Sociology background** to attempt the paper and score good marks since they are familiar with **Original Readings** taught in Central Universities. As you can notice, these days UPSC is asking questions on the original work of scholars.

However, it would become increasingly difficult for **candidates with non-Sociology background** to score high marks. In order to score good marks, candidates with non-Sociology background **must supplement their sociology knowledge with the original texts and readings that are taught in undergraduate as well as post-graduate Sociology courses in universities.**

**Prelims 2023 Was Just A Trailer  
Picture Abhi Baaki Hai....**

**To Conclude**

**Edge for candidates with Sociology Background  
Difficult Times Ahead for candidates from  
non-Sociology Background**

**But no need to panic. Just follow the instructions.**

**Best Wishes**

# What To Do?

## Refer Sociology Textbooks and Journals for a Comprehensive Understanding

### 4Cs

- Conceptual Clarity
- Conceptual Interlinking
- Contemporary Relevance
- Correct Sociological Articulation

# Success Mantra

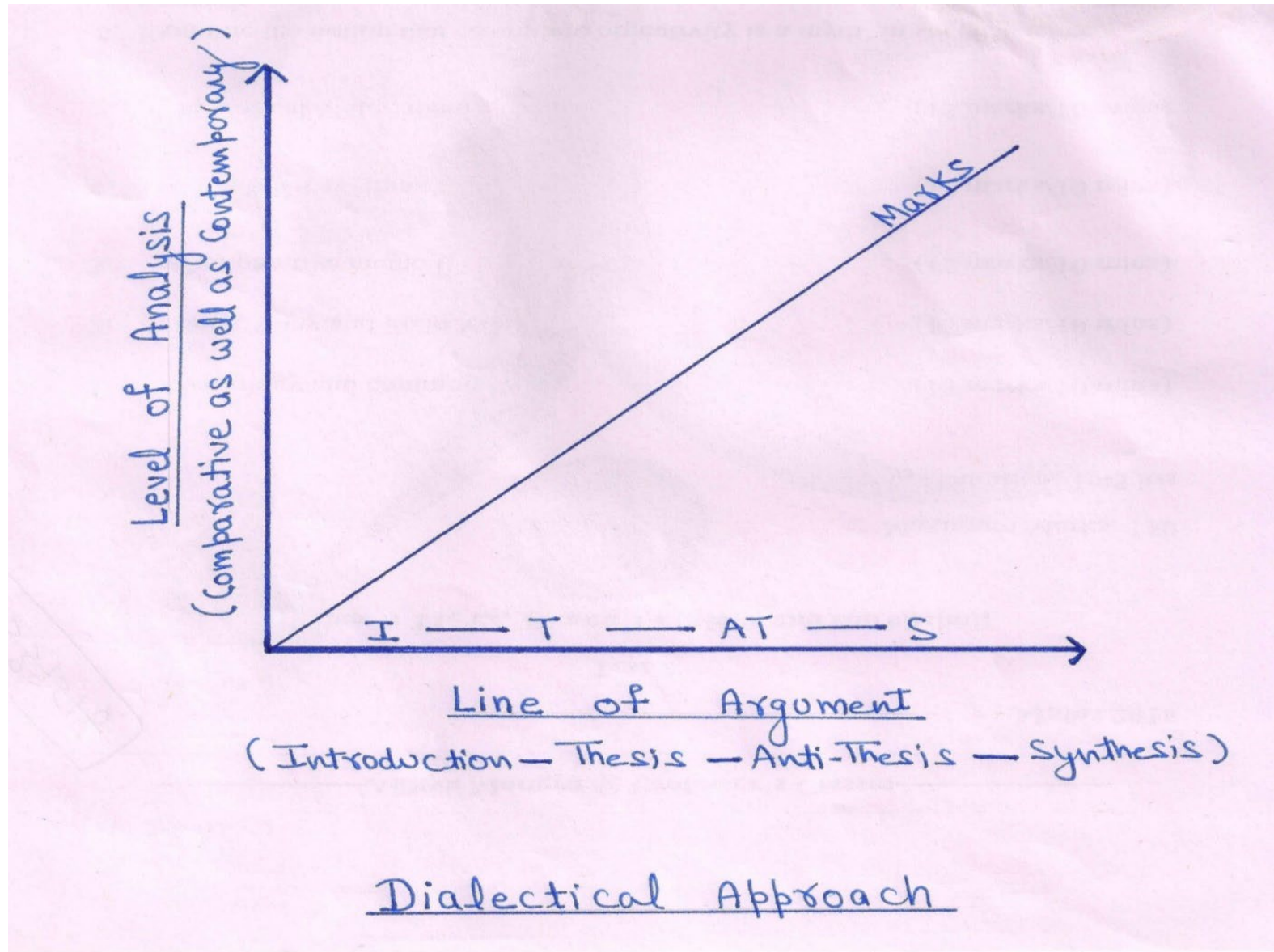
*Worry Less About Content*

*Focus More On Analysis*

*Read Less – Think More*

*Write Less – Convey More*

# Answer-Writing Approach (Dialectical Approach)



**Sociology is Simple**

**Sociology is Scoring**

*provided that you*

**Study Sociology Systematically**

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