



EXAM-DAY · 90-MIN REVISION CARD

Introducing Indian Society

*Print this · Fold it · Carry to the exam-hall gate · Revise once · Then walk in.***FORMULAS & KEY RESULTS**

SOCIOLOGY: study of society + social structures + social change

SOCIOLOGICAL IMAGINATION (C. Wright Mills, 1959): connecting PERSONAL TROUBLES to PUBLIC ISSUES

DIVERSITY DIMENSIONS:
Linguistic (22 official langs) · Religious (8 majors) · Caste (4 varna + 1000s jatis) · Class · Regional · Gender

COLONIAL IMPACT — 5 dimensions: ECONOMIC (deindustrialisation + drain) + ADMINISTRATIVE (English + IPC + civil services) + SOCIAL (census codified caste) + EDUCATIONAL (Macaulay 1835) + PSYCHOLOGICAL (inferiority + anglicisation)

MODERN NATION-STATE: India as a unified nation-state was forged in 1947 — not ancient. Constitution = SECULAR + federal + democratic + republic

KEY INDIAN SOCIOLOGISTS:

G.S. GHURYE (1893-1983) — 'Father of Indian sociology'. Caste + religion + tribes.

M.N. SRINIVAS (1916-1999) — 'SANSKRITISATION' (lower castes adopting upper-caste practices) + 'DOMINANT CASTE'

ANDRE BETEILLE — class + caste + inequality + secularism

A.R. DESAI — Marxist analysis of Indian nationalism

WHY STUDY INDIAN SOCIETY: (1) Understand who we are. (2) Make sense of social problems. (3) Inform policy. (4) Develop empathy + critical thinking.

TOP 5 PYQ PATTERNS**1 Sociological imagination + examples***5 marks · 90% of years*

Mills (1959) + personal trouble vs public issue + 3 concrete examples + significance.

2 Colonialism's impact*5 marks · 85% of years*

5-dimension framework: economic + admin + social + educational + psychological. Specific dates/names.

3 Dimensions of diversity*5 marks · 75% of years*

6 dimensions (lang + religion + caste + class + region + gender). Specific numbers.

4 Why study Indian society*3 marks · 55% of years*

Understanding ourselves + social problems + policy + critical thinking.

5 Indian sociologists + contributions*3 marks · 50% of years*

Ghurye + Srinivas (Sanskritisation, dominant caste) + Beteille. One contribution each.

90-MIN REVISION FLOW**0–15 min**

Memorise: Mills's sociological imagination + 5 dimensions of colonial impact + 6 dimensions of diversity + 3 key Indian sociologists.

15–30 min

Write 'sociological imagination' answer with 3 examples in <12 min.

30–45 min

Write 'colonialism's impact' answer using 5-dimension framework.

45–60 min

Write 'dimensions of diversity' answer with specific numbers + examples.

60–75 min

Take the 15-MCQ Quick Drill.

75–90 min

Review wrong answers + memorise Srinivas's two concepts (Sanskritisation + dominant caste).

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