



# How to Prepare for Indian Society (GS I)

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# Dimensions of today's lecture

**WHY : Importance, Weightage and Analysis of previous years paper**

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**WHAT : Unfolding the syllabus**

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**HOW to approach: Sources, reading between the lines**

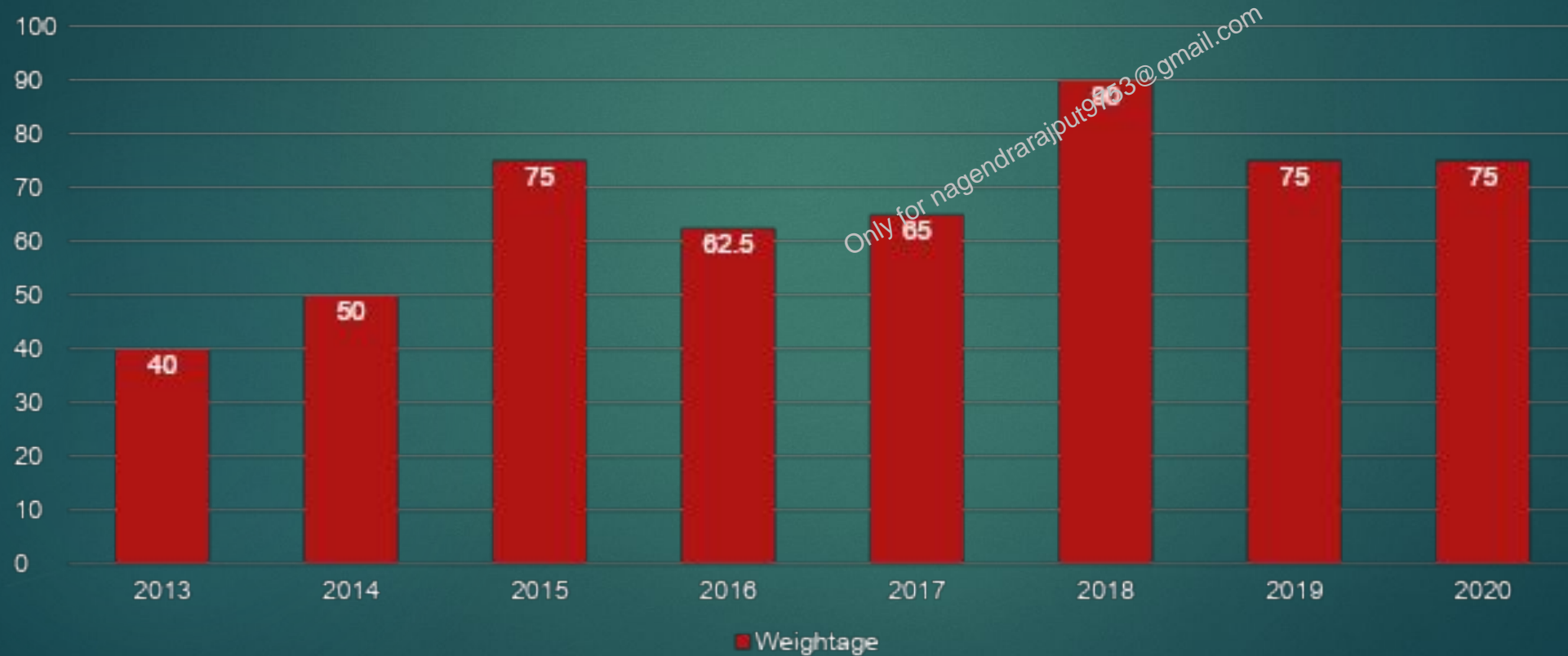
# Why to Study Society

To develop the perspective on Indian Social System

To sensitize the governments/public officials on discourses of Society

To apply best practices of governance in the eradication of social problems.

# 2013-2022 Marks



# Course content [Broad Outlook]

**Salient features of Indian Society, Diversity of India**

**Role of women and women's organization,**

**Effects of globalization on Indian society**

**Social empowerment, communalism, regionalism & secularism.**

**population and associated issues, poverty and developmental issues, urbanization, their problems and their remedies.**



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2013

10 Marker \* 4 Ques = 40 Marks (16%)

Q1. Discuss the various social problems which originated out of the speedy process of **urbanization** in India

- Q2. Male membership needs to be encouraged in order to make women's organization free from **gender** bias. Comment

Q3. Critically examine the **effects of globalization on the aged population** in India.

- Q4. Growing feeling of **regionalism** is an important factor in the generation of demand for a separate state. Discuss.

# Previous Year Q's

2014 Paper I

10 M \* 5 Ques= 50 Marks

**How does patriarchy impact the position of a middle class working woman in India?**

**Why do some of the most prosperous regions of India have an adverse sex ratio for women? Give your arguments.**

**The life cycle of a joint family depends on economic factors rather than social values. Discuss**

**Discuss the various economic and socio-cultural forces that are driving increasing feminization of agriculture in India.**

**How do the Indian debates on secularism differ from the debates in the west?**

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2015

12.5 Marker \* 6Ques = 75 Marks

**Q1. Describe any four cultural elements of diversity in India and rate their relative significance in building national identity.**

**Q2: Critically examine whether growing population is the cause of poverty OR poverty is the main cause of population increase in India.**

**Q3: How do you explain the statistics that show that the sex ratio in Tribes in India is more favorable to women than the sex ratio among Scheduled Castes?**

**Q4. Discuss the positive and negative effects of globalization on women in India?**



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2015

12.5 Marker \* 6 Ques = 75 Marks

**Q5: Discuss the changes in the trends of labour migration within and outside India in the last four decades**

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**Q6: Debate the issue whether and how contemporary movements for assertion of Dalit identity work towards annihilation of caste.**

# Previous Year Q's

2016 Paper I

12.5 M \* 5 Ques= 62.5 Marks

**To what extent globalization has influenced the core of cultural diversity in India? Explain.**

**"An essential condition to eradicate poverty is to liberate the poor from deprivation." Substantiate this statement with suitable examples. 7+5.5 marks**

**Why are the tribals in India referred to as the Scheduled Tribes? Indicate the major provisions enshrined in the Constitution of India for their upliftment. 4.5+8 marks**

**With a brief background of quality of urban life in India, introduce the objectives and strategy of the 'Smart City Programme'. 4.5+8 marks**

**What is the basis of regionalism? Is it that unequal distribution of benefits of development on regional basis eventually promotes regionalism? Substantiate your answer. 3.5 + 9 marks**

# Previous Year Q's

2017 Paper I

4 Ques= 50 Marks

**In the context of the diversity of India, can it be said that regions form cultural units rather than the state? Give reasons with examples for your viewpoint.**

**What are the two major legal initiatives by the state since independence addressing discrimination against scheduled tribes**

**The spirit of tolerance and love is not only an interesting feature of Indian society from very early times but it is also playing an important part at the present. Elaborate**

**Distinguish between religiousness and communalism giving one example of how the former has got transformed into the latter in independent India**

# Questions

2018 Paper I

90 Marks

**'Communalism arises either due to power struggle or relative deprivation.' Argue by giving suitable illustrations. (15)**

**'Globalization is generally said to promote cultural homogenization but due to this cultural specificities appear to be strengthened in the Indian society.' Elucidate. (15)**

**'Women's movement in India has not addressed the issues of women of lower social strata.' Substantiate your view. (15)**

**"Caste system is assuming new identities and associational forms. Hence, the caste system cannot be eradicated in India." Comment. (10)**

# Questions

2018 Paper I

90 Marks

**'Despite the implementation of various programmes for the eradication of poverty by the government in India, poverty is still existing'. Explain by giving reasons. (10)**

**How is the Indian concept of secularism different from the western model of secularism? Discuss. (10)**

# Previous Year Q's

2019 Paper I

6 Ques= 75 Marks

**What makes the Indian society unique in sustaining its culture? Discuss.**

**"Empowering women is the key to control population growth." Discuss.**

**What are the challenges to our cultural practices in the name of secularism?**

**Do we have cultural pockets of small India all over the nation? Elaborate with examples.**

**What are the continued challenges for women in India against time and space?**

**Are we losing our local identity for the global identity? Discuss.**



# Previous Year Q's

2020 Paper I

6 Ques= 75 Marks

Has caste lost its relevance in understanding the multi- cultural Indian Society? Elaborate your answer with illustrations.

COVID-19 pandemic accelerated class inequalities and poverty in India. Comment.

Do you agree that regionalism in India appears to be a consequence of rising cultural assertiveness? Argue.

Is diversity and pluralism in India under threat due to globalisation? Justify your answer.

Customs and traditions suppress reason leading to obscurantism. Do you agree?

How have digital initiatives in India contributed to the functioning of the education system in the country? Elaborate your answer.

# Previous Year Q's

2021 Paper I

5 Ques= 65 Marks

Examine the uniqueness of tribal knowledge system when compared with mainstream knowledge and cultural systems.

Examine the role of 'Gig Economy' in the process of empowerment of women in India.

Discuss the main objectives of Population Education and point out the measures to achieve them in India in detail.

What is Cryptocurrency? How does it affect global society? Has it been affecting Indian society also?

How does Indian society maintain continuity in traditional social values? Enumerate the changes taking place in it.

# Previous Year Q's

2022 Paper I

6 Ques= 75 Marks

Explore and evaluate the impact of 'Work From Home' on family relationships.

How is the growth of Tier 2 cities related to the rise of a new middle class with an emphasis on the culture of consumption?

Given the diversities among the tribal communities in India, in which specific contexts should they be considered as a single category?

Analyze the salience of 'sect' in Indian society vis-a-vis caste, region and religion.

Are tolerance, assimilation and pluralism the key elements in the making of an Indian form of secularism? Justify your answer.

Elucidate the relationship between globalization and new technology in a world of scarce resources, with special reference to India

# Previous Year Q's

2023 Paper I

6 Ques= 75 Marks

Do you think marriage as a sacrament in losing its value in Modern India?

Explain why suicide among young women is increasing in Indian Society.

Child cuddling is now being replaced by mobile phones. Discuss its impact on the socialization of children.?

Does urbanization lead to more segregation and/or marginalization of the poor in Indian metropolises?

. Why is caste identity in India both fluid and static?

Discuss the impact of post-liberal economy on ethnic identity and communalism





# How to Read?? What to Read??

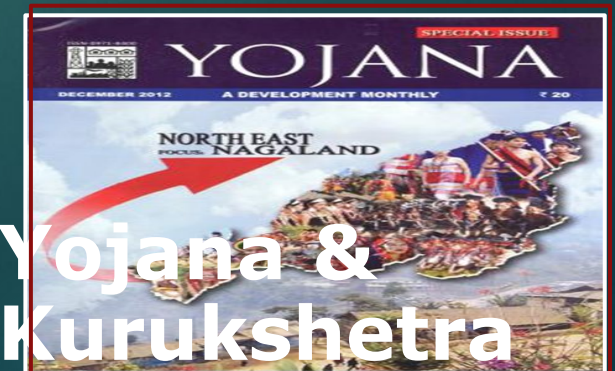
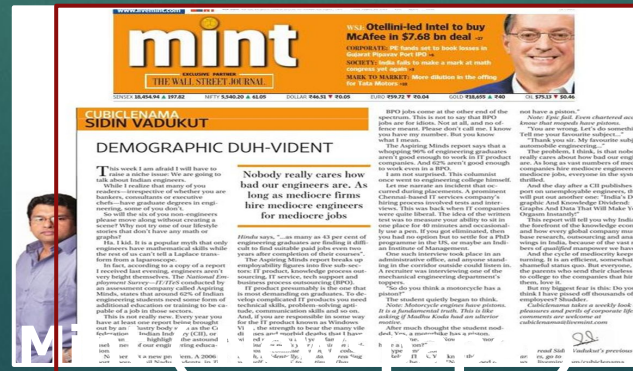
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XII ( Indian Society,  
Introducing  
Sociology)**

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Change and  
Development  
in India**

**Human  
Geography**

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and  
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