

Dialectics IAS

For One-To-One Mentorship

UPSC: Previous Years' Questions

Paper I

1. Sociology - The Discipline

- Q. In what way is the scope of sociology unique? Explain. (2025/10)
- Q. What is the relationship (similarities and differences) between sociology and history in terms of their area of study and methodology? Discuss. (2025/10)
- Q. What is common sense? How are common knowledge and sociology related to each other? Explain. (2025/10)
- Q. Sociology is the product of European enlightenment and renaissance. Critically examine this statement. (2024/20)
- Q. Discuss the nature of Sociology. Highlight its relationship with Social Anthropology. (2024/10)
- Q. Do you think that common sense is the starting point of social research? What are its advantages and limitations? Explain. (2023/20)
- Q. Discuss the relationship between sociology and political science. (2023/10)
- Q. What aspects of 'Enlightenment' do you think paved the way for the emergence of sociology? Elaborate. (2022/20)
- Q. Delimit the scope of Sociology in relation to other social sciences. (2022/10)
- Q. Europe was the first and the only place where modernity emerged. Comment. (2021/10)
- Q. From the viewpoint of growing importance of multi-disciplinarity, how do you relate sociology to other social sciences? (2021/20)
- Q. How is sociology related to common sense? (2021/10)
- Q. How did the intellectual forces lead to the emergence of sociology? Discuss. (2020/10)

- Q. In the context of globalization, has the scope of sociology been changing in India?
Comment? (2020/10)
- Q. Discuss the historical antecedents of the emergence of Sociology as a discipline. (2019/10)
- Q. "The sociological imagination enables us to grasp history and biography and the relationship between the two in a society." - C.W. Mills. Explain. (2018/20)
- Q. The focal point of Sociology rests on interaction. How do you distinguish it from common sense? (2018/10)
- Q. Explain how sociology has emerged as a distinct discipline based on rationality and scientific temper. (2017/10)
- Q. Discuss the changing equations of discipline of sociology with other social sciences. (2017/20)
- Q. Is sociology common sense? Give reasons in support of your argument. (2016/10)
- Q. "Sociology is pre-eminently study of modern societies." Discuss. (2016/10)
- Q. How had Enlightenment contributed to the emergence of Sociology? (2015/10)
- Q. How is sociological approach to human actions different from that of psychological approach? (2014/10)
- Q. "Sociology emerged in Europe and flourished to begin with on social reformist orientation in the USA." Comment. (2013/10)
- Q. Compare and contrast Sociology with Anthropology. (2013/10)
- Q. How did the French revolution and Industrial revolution play an important role in the emergence of sociology? (2012/30)
- Q. Write short note on Emergence of Sociology is an outcome of modernity and social change in Europe, keeping sociological perspective in view. (in about 150 words) (2011/12)
- Q. What can Sociology show us about our actions? Discuss the practical significance of Sociology. (2011/30)
- Q. "Sociology without History is rootless and History without Sociology is fruitless." Elaborate. (2010/30)
- Q. Write short note on comparison between Sociology and Economics (2009/20)
- Q. How is emergence of sociology linked with modernization of Europe? (2008/60)
- Q. Write short note: Intellectual background for the emergence of sociology (2006/20)
- Q. Write short note: Sociology and its relationship with economics and political science (2005/20)
- Q. Write short note: Sociology as an interpretative discipline (2001/20)
- Q. Write short note: Sociology and Social Anthropology (2000/20)
- Q. Write short note: Sociology as a by-product of Industrial Revolution (1999/20)
- Q. Write short note: Sociology as an interpretative discipline (1997/20)

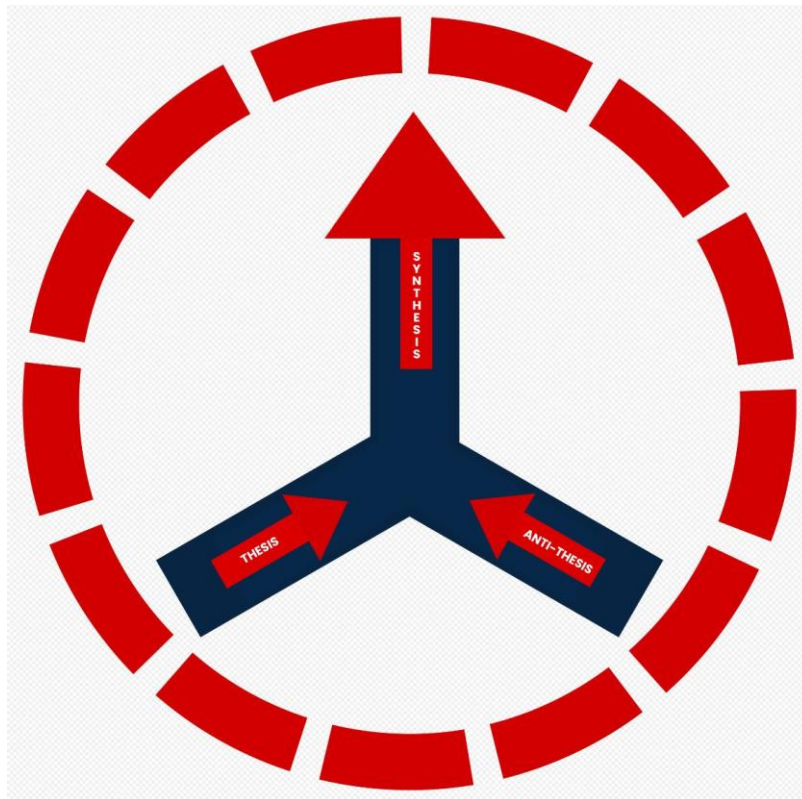
Q. Write short note: Intellectual sources for the rise of sociology (1994/20)

Q. Write short note: Ideology and the emergence of sociology (1993/20)

Q. Had the French Revolution anything to do with the emergence of Sociology in Europe? Make a critical study. (1989/60)

Q. Explain the basic premises of the anti-positivist attack on sociology. Do you agree with these? Substantiate your answer. (1988/60)

Q. Do you agree with the view that sociology can never be a science? What limitations need to be taken into consideration in the scientific study of social phenomena? (1984/60)



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