

Why is Sociology a better optional?

1. Compact Syllabus

Of all the optional subjects the one and only with most compact syllabus is Sociology. Only three volumes of books by Raja Sir are sufficient enough along with current issues.

2. GS friendly

The main advantage in taking Sociology is that it provides perspective on many contemporary issues that a student has to anyway study in General Studies. A huge part of General Studies is information oriented, though a part of it is analytical. General Studies is vast. Because of its vastness, a student doesn't have time to do any issue in depth. So General Studies preparation tends to be in the nature of acquiring as much information as possible, with little time for reflection. General Studies is normally not the subject in which contemporary issues are discussed at a fundamental level. This inadequacy can be rectified by Sociology.

Sociology studies beyond the immediate & it gives insights into the ways of studying the immediate. 'What is the extent of poverty according to most recent estimate?' is a General Studies question, but 'what structural factors in society perpetuate poverty' is a question in Sociology. In General Studies they may ask recent legislation passed in the sphere of education, in Sociology they will ask, 'whether education is reproducing inequalities.' To conclude, Sociology gives depth to what a student is anyway forced to study, though superficially, in General Studies. Sociology makes General Studies preparation more interesting. With the help of Sociology, analytical questions in GS can be answered easily. In addition to this, social issues mentioned in General Studies syllabus come directly under Sociology.

3. Essay Favor

Sociology is close to General Essay. Doing little more value addition to what is elaborately done in Sociology facilitates Essay preparation on many topics.

4. Productive to take Stand for questions during Interview

During Interview a student is tested not on the quantum of information he has, but what he perceives of the world and also about his status & role in it. Sociology equips a student to arrive at his own way of framing productive opinions about the issues confronting society.

In every topic it investigates, it is primarily focused on why people are unequal, whether these inequalities are justified, how the institutions perpetuate the social order. Its concern is creation of a just & stable society – at the same time debating what is a just society and whether creation of it is ever possible. Its concerns match with that of a student who wants to bring about change towards a better society.