

### **ROAD TO 320+ MARKS IN SOCIOLOGY:**

1. All questions in both papers needs contemporary dimensions (like globalization and COVID 19)
2. Attempt all thinkers question in paper 1
3. Directly lift sociological perspectives/jargons from paper 1 to Write paper 2 answers
4. Never write GS answers in sociology (especially in paper 2)
5. Link social issues with sociology
6. Cite illustrations/examples
7. Use diagrams/flow charts wherever possible
8. Underline the key concepts/thinkers
9. Use key words given in the question frequently throughout your answer
10. Don't leave any question. Manage writing answer using some standard sociological perspectives like Marxism, feminism, modernism, postmodernism, Non positivism. Paper completion is mandatory to score 320+.

### **YOUR ACTION INSIDE EXAM HALL:**

1. Before starting to write the answer read the question 5 times to understand fully.
2. Underline the key words in question and often repeat in the answer directly and indirectly
3. Your first answer should be your best answer.
4. Write long answers first and then start writing short notes. But if you have found that the other way round worked for you in the practice tests then try that.

### **HOW TO ANSWER QUESTIONS LIKE -The difference between information and data in social science is subtle. (2022)?**

Don't worry. Any question on Research Methodology (Unit 3 / Paper I) can be traced from Unit 2 -Sociology as science. See whether the concepts in question belongs to positivism or non-positivism and write accordingly as a debate between positivism or non-positivism.

For example, data is a quantity(positivism) while information can be interpreted (non positivism)

### **WHAT IF QUESTIONS LIKE LEELA DUBE'S CONCEPT OF "SEED AND EARTH" APPEAR (2022)?**

Leela Dube is a feminist scholar. Feminism is against Patriarchy. So, fix the topic in the syllabus connected to Patriarchy i.e. Paper II- Section B.(v)(e) Patriarchy, entitlements, and sexual division of labor. and generate points

### **WHAT IF QUESTIONS LIKE GREEN CHEMISTRY APPEAR?**

Just fix the topic in the syllabus connected to green chemistry. For instance, we have 2 topics in PAPER – II

1. (C) (v) (d) Environmental movements

2. (C) (vii) (a) Crisis of development: displacement, environmental problems and sustainability.

Write sociological perspectives you learned in the above two topics

**TIME MANAGEMENT:**

1. 9 am – 9:10 am: Read the question paper fully
2. Write every Long answer for 15 min (6 long answers X 15 min = 90 min)
3. Write every Short notes for 6 min (13 Short notes X 6 min = 78 min)

**PREDICT THE UNPREDICTABLE:**

1. UPSC MAY ASK 12 MARKERS AS SHORT NOTES INSTEAD OF 10 or 15 OR 20 MARKERS  
SO READ THE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY
2. IN GENERAL FOLLOW THIS:
  - a) WRITE LONG ANSWERS IN 90 Minutes (i.e. 9 am to 10.30 am)
  - b) WRITE SHORT NOTES IN 80 Minutes (i.e. 10.30 am to 12 noon)