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Sociology

ORIGINAL STUDY COMPANION
PADIKAM
CLASS 11 | HUMANITIES
Introducing Sociology and
Understanding Society
CBSE / NCERT core lessons | Academic year 2026-27
10 chapter lessons
Quick explanations, core points, exam practice and chapter-specific notation in one
consistent format.
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reference.

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Study rhythm
Read the quick explanation, recall the core points aloud, then answer the prompts without looking
back. Use the official textbook links for full prescribed readings, activities and diagrams.
Textbook and verification links
1. https://cbseacademic.nic.in/web_material/CurriculumMain27/SecPart2/Sociology_SecP2_2026-27.pdf
2. https://ncert.nic.in/textbook.php
3. https://cbseacademic.nic.in/curriculum_2027.html

CHAPTER 01
Sociology and Society
Quick understanding
Develop a sociological imagination that connects personal experience with social structure and
historical context.
Core points Check your learning
Common sense is useful but often untested and Turn a personal issue into a sociological
partial. question.
Sociology studies patterned relationships, institutions Compare sociological and common-
and change. sense explanations.
Individual choice operates within opportunities and
constraints.
One-line recall Common sense is useful but often untested and partial.

CHAPTER 02
Terms, Concepts and Their Use in Sociology
Quick understanding
Use concepts such as social group, status, role, norm, sanction and stratification precisely.
Core points Check your learning
Primary and secondary groups differ in intimacy and Apply five concepts to a school situation.
purpose.
Explain role conflict and status
Status is a position; role is expected behaviour inconsistency.
attached to it.
Social control operates through formal and informal
sanctions.
One-line recall Primary and secondary groups differ in intimacy and purpose.
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CHAPTER 03
Understanding Social Institutions
Quick understanding
Study family, marriage, kinship, economy, polity, religion and education as durable arrangements of
social life.
Core points Check your learning
Institutions organise recurring needs through rules Compare two forms of family or
and roles. marriage.
Their forms vary across societies and time. Analyse one institution for both function
and inequality.
Institutions can provide order while reproducing
inequality.
One-line recall Institutions organise recurring needs through rules and roles.
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CHAPTER 04
Culture and Socialisation
Quick understanding
Explain how people learn language, values and identity within diverse cultural worlds.
Core points Check your learning
Culture includes material and non-material elements. Map agents of socialisation across the
life course.
Socialisation continues through family, peers, school,
media and work. Distinguish cultural diversity from cultural
hierarchy.
Ethnocentrism judges other cultures by one's own
standards.
One-line recall Culture includes material and non-material elements.
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CHAPTER 05
Doing Sociology: Research Methods
Quick understanding
Plan ethical social research using questions, concepts, evidence and methods.
Core points Check your learning
Surveys offer breadth; observation and interviews Choose a method for a research
provide depth. question.
Sampling, wording and researcher position influence Draft an ethical mini-study and sampling
findings. plan.

Consent, privacy and avoidance of harm are
essential.
One-line recall Surveys offer breadth; observation and interviews provide depth.
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CHAPTER 06
Social Structure, Stratification and Social
Processes
Quick understanding
Connect enduring inequalities with cooperation, competition, conflict, accommodation and change.
Core points Check your learning
Stratification ranks groups and distributes resources Analyse a case using two dimensions of
unequally. stratification.
Caste, class, gender and race can intersect. Distinguish competition, conflict and
cooperation.
Social processes may integrate society or expose
conflict.
One-line recall Stratification ranks groups and distributes resources unequally.
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CHAPTER 07
Social Change and Social Order in Rural and
Urban Society
Quick understanding
Compare continuity and transformation in villages, towns and cities.
Core points Check your learning
Industrialisation, urbanisation and migration Trace one rural-urban linkage.
reorganise work and community.
Explain how rapid change can create
Social order is maintained through consent, norms, conflict and new opportunity.
institutions and sometimes force.
Rural and urban are connected, not sealed
opposites.
One-line recall Industrialisation, urbanisation and migration reorganise work and community.
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CHAPTER 08
Environment and Society
Quick understanding
Study the two-way relationship between social organisation and the natural environment.
Core points Check your learning
Environmental problems are also questions of power Analyse who gains and loses in a
and distribution. resource conflict.
Different groups contribute to and suffer from Design a socially just environmental
degradation unequally. response.
Sustainable solutions combine knowledge,
participation and fair institutions.
One-line recall Environmental problems are also questions of power and distribution.
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CHAPTER 09
Introducing Western Sociologists
Quick understanding
Use Marx, Durkheim and Weber to compare accounts of modern society, solidarity, class, capitalism
and authority.

Core points Check your learning
Marx emphasised class relations and production. Compare two thinkers on modern
change.
Durkheim studied social facts and forms of solidarity.
Apply class, solidarity or authority to a
Weber analysed meaningful action, authority and
current institution.
rationalisation.
One-line recall Marx emphasised class relations and production.
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CHAPTER 10
Indian Sociologists
Quick understanding
Explore how Indian thinkers studied caste, village, tribe, tradition, modernity and social change.
Core points Check your learning
G.S. Ghurye examined caste and culture. Compare two Indian sociologists.
D.P. Mukerji stressed tradition and historical Use Sanskritisation or dominant caste
specificity. carefully in a case.
A.R. Desai used Marxist analysis; M.N. Srinivas
developed field-based concepts.
One-line recall G.S. Ghurye examined caste and culture.
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