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3. Social movements in Modern India (a) Peasants and farmers movements (b) Women's movement (c) Backward class and Dalit movement (d) Environmental movements (e) Ethnicity and identity movements	Book: Social movements in India by Ghanshyam Shah Followed by NICE Study material	1. Farmer's movements in contemporary India by Dipankar Gupta 2. Socila movements in India by G.Shah 3. Social movements and the state by G.Shah 4. Caste its twentieth century avatar by M.N.Srinivas 5. Social movements in India by M.S.A.Rao 6. Paper by Harkishan Singh Surjeet on Peasants movement in India
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<p>6. Sociological Thinkers (a) Talcott Parsons – Social system, pattern variables (b) Robert King Merton – Latent and manifest functions, conformity and deviance, reference groups (c) G.H.Mead – Self and identity</p>	<p>NICE Study material)</p>	<p>1. Structure of social action by Jonathan Turner 2. IGNOU Booklet 3. Sociology: Themes and perspectives by M.H.Haralambos</p>
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<p>8. Perspectives on the study of Indian Society: (a) Indology (G.S.Ghurye) (b) Structural functionalism (M.N.Srinivas) (c) Marxist sociology (A.R.Desai)</p>	<p>Book recommended: Indian Sociology: Social conditions and Emerging concerns By Y.Singh Then NICE Study material</p>	<p>Various sources</p>
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(c) Labour and society		
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24. Challenges of Social Transformation (a) Crisis of development : displacement, environmental problems and sustainability (b) Poverty, deprivation and inequalities (c) Violence against women (d) Caste conflicts, communalism, religious revivalism (e) Literacy and disparities in education	NICE Study material	1. Development-induced displacement and resettlement Author: Jason Stanley 2. National Commission of Women’s report 3. National crime Bureau Data 4. Handbook of Indian Sociology edited by Veena Das 5. Communalism, caste and Hindu nationalism” By Ornit Shani 6. Democracy and ethnic conflict by

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		Rajat Ganguly 7. Historical process responsible for generating communal consciousness in India:K.N.Panniker 8. And others
25. Industrialisation and Urbanisation in India (a) Evolution of modern Indian industry (b) Growth of urban settlements in India (c) Working class : structure, growth, class mobilization (d) Informal sector, child labour (e) Slums and deprivation in urban areas	NICE Study material	
26. Politics and Society (a) Nation, democracy and citizenship (b) Political parties, pressure groups, social and political elites (c) Regionalism and decentralization of power (d) Secularisation	NICE Study material	1. Handbook of Indian Sociology edited by Veena Das 2. IGNOU 3. social stratification and change in India by Y.Singh 4. NCERT Book 5. A paper by Muchkund Dubey Ex Foreign Secretary 6. Rural Sociology by A.R.Desai 7. Prophets Facing Backward by Meera Nanda 8. Article by Andre Beteille

Note 1: You must go through the book “**Sociology: Themes and Perspective**” by **M.H.Haralambos** thoroughly before proceeding with the study material

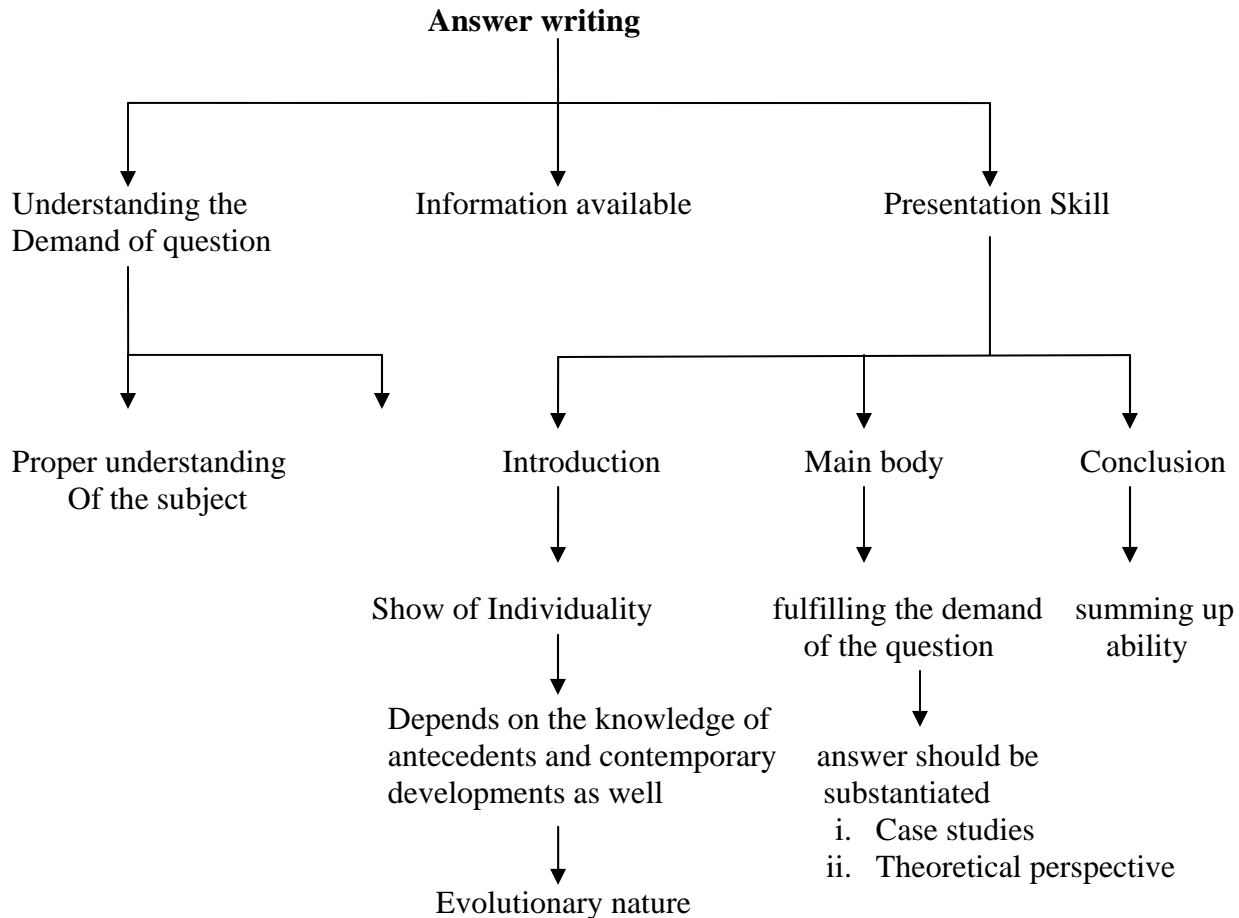
Note 2: Besides above mentioned books various other reliable web sites, Journals, reports of various institutions, papers and books have been consulted while preparing the Study Material.

Note 3: Recommendation of books should not be interpreted as final. Question may come beyond them also.

Note 4: You must prepare your own synopsis. Don't try to have ready-made solutions. It limits your knowledge thereby limiting maneuverability.

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1. **Prepare synopsis on your own: don't try to have ready-made solutions. It limits your knowledge thereby limiting maneuverability.**
2. **Identify your ability, whether you are good in memorization skill or good at analytical explanation. Strengthen that ability. And try to improve the other one.**
3. **Flow of the answer:** answers should not be like snap shots. Answer should unfold gradually from **general to specific**. Each subsequent para should seem coming out of the previous para.
4. **Write your answers in evolutionary manner.** From general to specific
5. Focus: main demands
6. Locus: maneuverability
7. Minimisation of mistakes:
8. **Role of language is limited to the expression of ideas.** No need to be ornamental and rhetoric. Keep the language simple and straight. Pupils who are weak in English should always write small sentences. Do not write long and complex sentences. You may not be able to express correctly what you want to say. Chances of mistake more.
9. Conclusion should be gradual.
10. **Case Studies:** case studies in social sciences are like data of natural science. You don't need to write the elaborate case studies. Its' role is limited to substantiation. So, whenever you express some abstract statement, you need to substantiate through either a case study or through the theoretical perspective of a well known sociologists (or anthropologists).
11. Syllabus can be divided into two categories: qualitative and quantitative.
12. No knowledge is complete. There is always scope for improvement. How much you should read depends upon your intelligence and the time you have for a particular topic.
13. Revision is must. Your own made synopsis comes very handy during exam time.

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- 1.** Illustrate: to make clear or intelligible, as by examples or analogies
- 2.** Elucidate: To make clear or plain, especially by explanation; clarify
- 3.** Examine: to interrogate closely <*examine* a prisoner> **b:** to test by questioning in order to determine progress, fitness, or knowledge

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4. SYNONYMS *discuss, argue, debate, dispute, contend*. These verbs mean to talk with others in an effort to reach agreement, to ascertain truth, or to convince. *Discuss* involves **close examination of a subject with interchange of opinions**: *My therapist discussed my concerns with my parents*. *Argue* emphasizes the presentation of facts and reasons in support of a position opposed by others: *The lawyer argued the plaintiff's case*. *Debate* involves formal, often public argument: *The candidates debated the campaign issues*. *Dispute* implies differences of opinion and usually sharp argument: *The senators disputed over increases in the proposed budget*. To *contend* is to strive in debate or controversy: *She contended that her theory was easily proven*.
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