STRATEGY FOR SOCIOLOGY PAPER 1

S.No.	Topic	Source
1	**SOCIOLOGY: THE DISCIPLINE:** **a. Modernity and social changes in Europe and emergence of sociology.** **b. Scope of the subject and comparison with other social sciences.** **c. Sociology and common sense.**	a. https://egyankosh.ac.in/bitstream/123456789/18917/1/Unit-1.pdf George Ritzer – Sociological Theory Fifth Edition Page 3-13 b. Scope of the Subject – Nitin Sangwan Essential Sociology Ch 1 topic – Scope of the subject Comparison – with Social Anthropology, psychology, economics, political science, history, philosophy (T B BOTTOMORE- A GUIDE TO PROBLEMS AND LITERATURE Page 65 – 80) In comparison part – make your own notes with keywords c. Common Sense - Nitin Sangwan Essential Sociology Ch 1 topic – Sociology and Common Sense
2	**SOCIOLOGY AS SCIENCE:** **a. Science, scientific method and critique.** **b. Major theoretical strands of research methodology.** **c. Positivism and its critique.** **d. Fact value and objectivity** **e. Non- positivist methodologies.**	a. I will be sharing my own notes which are a mix of Upendra Sir Notes, HARALAMBOS & HOLBORN and some other sources-that is enough for this topic You can also refer to Nitin Sangwan if you are not a new aspirant b. You can rely on Nitin Sangwan Essential Sociology for framework – rest you will automatically elaborate when you read syllabus (I will also share my own notes) c. I will share the notes d. I will share the notes+ HARALAMBOS & HOLBORN 7th Edition Blue Book Page 851-853 e. I will share my own notes for this topic as it is too much scattered. Else you can also use Nitin Sangwan Essential Sociology
3.	**RESEARCH METHODS AND ANALYSIS:** **a. Qualitative and quantitative methods** **b. Techniques of data collection.** **c. Variables, sampling, hypothesis, reliability and validity**	a. https://egyankosh.ac.in/bitstream/123456789/73186/1/Block-2.pdf b. HARALAMBOS & HOLBORN 7th Edition Blue Book – Page 814-847 c. HARALAMBOS & HOLBORN 7th Edition Blue Book – Page 814-847 (validity and reliability and sampling is automatically covered in these pages) Sampling – https://egyankosh.ac.in/bitstream/123456789/41951/1/Unit-1.pdf Variables - Nitin Sangwan Essential Sociology (I will also be sharing my own notes) Hypothesis -

		https://egyankosh.ac.in/bitstream/123456789/8381/1/Unit-11.pdf
4	**SOCIOLOGICAL THINKERS** **a. Karl Marx- Historical materialism, mode of production, alienation, class struggle.** **b. Emile Durkheim- Division of labour, social fact, suicide, religion and society.** **c. Max Weber- Social action, ideal types, authority, bureaucracy, protestant ethic and the spirit of capitalism.** **d. Talcott Parsons- Social system, pattern variables.** **e. Robert K. Merton- Latent and manifest functions, conformity and deviance, reference groups** **f. Mead - Self and identity**	All these topics are beautifully explained in ignou and GEORGE RITZER No need of other sources if you honestly read these. But first start with IGNOU for better understanding Sequence should be August Comte – Herbert Spencer – Emile Durkheim – Karl Marx – Max Weber – Talcott Parson – Robert K Merton – GH MEAD I have asked you to read about August Comte and Herbert Spencer as they laid the foundations of functionalism which is important in Durkheim Work For GH MEAD – also read Page 881-884 Blue Book HARALAMBOS & HOLBORN 7th edition
5.	**STRATIFICATION AND MOBILITY:** **a. Concepts- equality, inequality, hierarchy, exclusion, poverty and deprivation** **b. Dimensions – Social stratification of class, status groups, gender, ethnicity and race.** **c. Theories of social stratification- Structural functionalist theory, Marxist theory, Weberian theory.** **d. Social mobility- open and closed systems, types of mobility, sources and causes of mobility**	I will share notes based on Upendra Sir + my own collection This topic is scattered here and there So, you will have to do value addition For theory of Social Stratification – Page 20-23 (Structural Functionalist theory) Page 26-29 (Marxist Theory) Page 29-30 (Weber)
6.	**WORK AND ECONOMIC LIFE** **a. Social organization of work in different types of society- slave society, feudal society, industrial /capitalist society.**	My notes are sufficient I believe which I will share. You may do value addition in that as per felt need. Further, You may read Nitin Sangwan additionally and make your own notes but this topic is not adequately covered in that

	b. Formal and informal organization of work **c. Labour and society.**	
7.	**POLITICS AND SOCIETY:** **a. Sociological theories of power** **b. Power elite, bureaucracy, pressure groups, and political parties.** **c. Nation, state, citizenship, democracy, civil society, ideology.** **d. Protest, agitation, social movements, collective action, revolution**	a. HARALAMBOS & HOLBORN Blue Book 7th Edition Page 522-538 b. Power Elite – already covered in portion a Bureaucracy – Already covered in Thinker topic Weber (Hurray) Pressure Group - https://egyankosh.ac.in/bitstream/123456789/19146/1/Unit-28.pdf Political Parties – I will share my notes. You may give additional reading from ignou. Link is shared https://egyankosh.ac.in/bitstream/123456789/66624/1/Unit-1.pdf c. For topic c and d – I will share my own notes which are a collection of different notes For additional reading – NITIN SANGWAN ESSENTIAL SOCIOLOGY
8	**RELIGION AND SOCIETY:** **a. Sociological theories of religion.** **b. Types of religious practices: animism, monism, pluralism, sects, cults.** **c. Religion in modern society: religion and science, secularization, religious revivalism, religious fundamentalism**	This unit is beautifully covered in NITIN SANGWAN BOOK Additionally I will share my own notes which is collection of various notes actually
9	**SYSTEMS OF KINSHIP:** **a. Family, household, marriage** **b. Types and forms of family** **c. Lineage and descent** **d. Patriarchy and sexual division of labour** **o Contemporary trends**	I strongly believe that I made very good notes on it. I will share it too. But you may also give a limited reading to Blue Book HARALAMBOS & HOLBORN 7th edition – keeping syllabus in mind
10	**SOCIAL CHANGE IN MODERN SOCIETY:** **a. Sociological theories of social change.** **b. Development and dependency.** **c. Agents of social change.** **d. Education and social change.**	I will share the notes a. https://egyankosh.ac.in/bitstream/123456789/22975/1/Unit-12.pdf b. https://egyankosh.ac.in/bitstream/123456789/8993/1/Unit-3.pdf c. In notes – Which I will share – that will be enough. Additionally if you want – You may refer Nitin Sangwan d. https://egyankosh.ac.in/bitstream/123456789/27392/1/Unit-9.pdf

	e. Science, technology and social change.	e. I will share the notes

This is all on the resources part for SOCIOLOGY PAPER 1. I have made my own notes reading various sources which I will share within few days as it needs to be scanned properly sequence wise.

I have provided few links. These links are of ignou material. You can click and use it for your study.

Remember one thing about sociology. If you follow the strategy which I told you, sociology is one of the easiest subject. Beside, after making your own notes, it is important that you stick to them.

You can say **"Reading 3 hours a day, will keep the fear of Sociology Away"**

I know even after reading these, you may feel like JON SNOW for whom someone used to say "**YOU KNOW NOTHING JON SNOW"**

But believe me**, if you keep on searching more and more, you will ultimately end up only collecting, recalling nothing and mixing everything**.

So, after these sources, all focus should be on revising and recollecting and practicing.

Get yourself unsolved Last year paper.

For reading sequence, I suggest the following sequence

a. UNIT 1(a) – UNIT 4-UNIT5-UNIT 7-UNIT8-UNIT9-UNIT 6- UNIT 10--UNIT 2 - UNIT 3 – UNIT 1(b and c)
   As Unit 1(b), 1(c), 2 and 3 topics use a lot of thinkers and framework which you will only understand after reading them. So, use this framework.
b. Before starting anything Just read Chapter 1 of HARALAMBOS & HOLBORN BLUE BOOK AND then follow sequence as said above

As immediate help, I will be replying you in the comment section for any topic which you are unable to apprehend. Feel free to comment and discuss.
If you have already read, trust your sources and keep revising them.
Also, there is no best strategy as everyone builds his/her own path.
Remember, **you are the creator of your own destiny.**

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Regards,

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