

CLASS 9

SOCIAL SCIENCE: MEANING SCOPE AND IMPORTANCE

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Social science

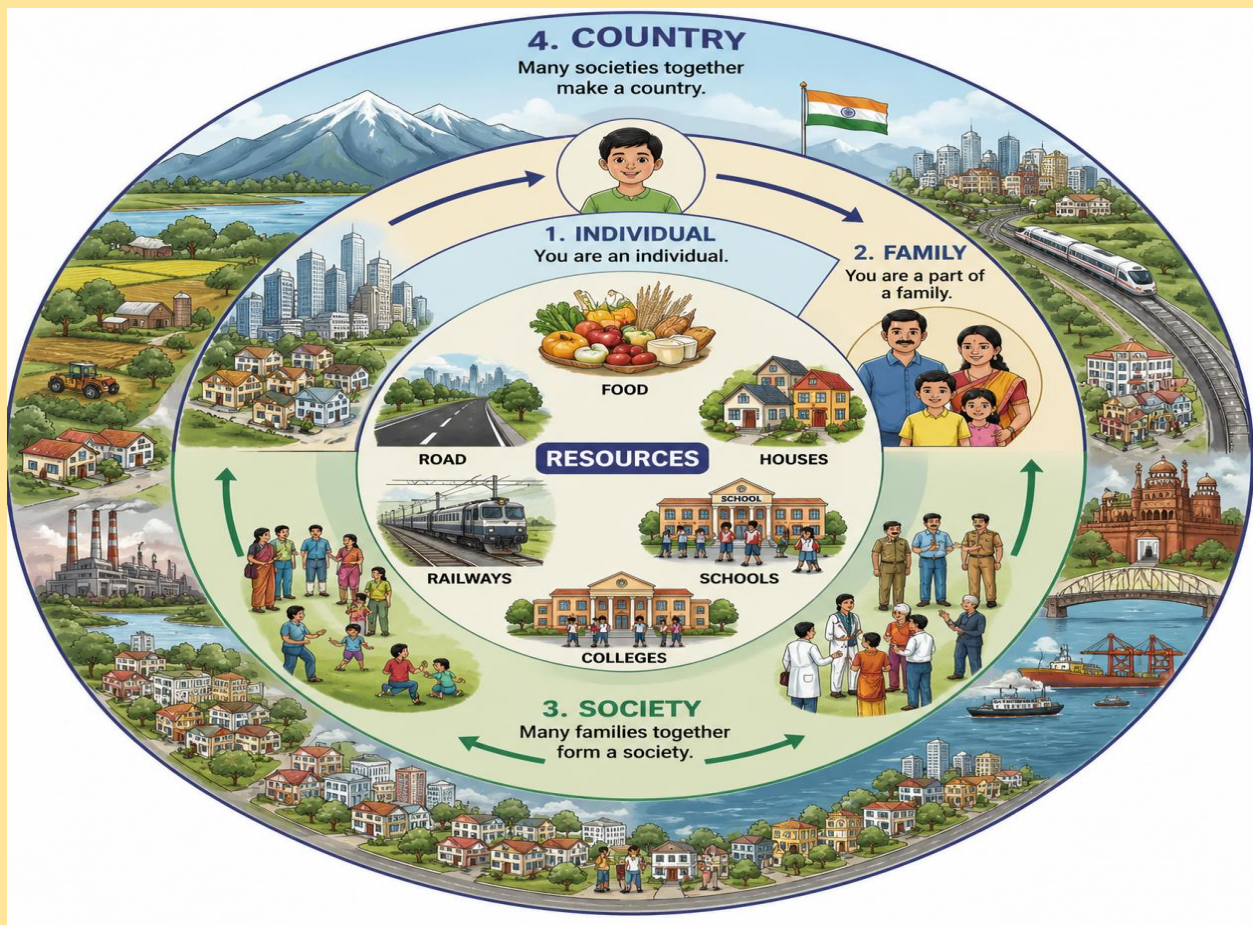
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I have been ruling Mumbai for the last 30 years. I don't need to study social science—I already know how to control people. What do you think social science can teach me? Especially history, which is just a collection of dates and events and has no relevance in the present time.

Now tell me, why should I study social science?

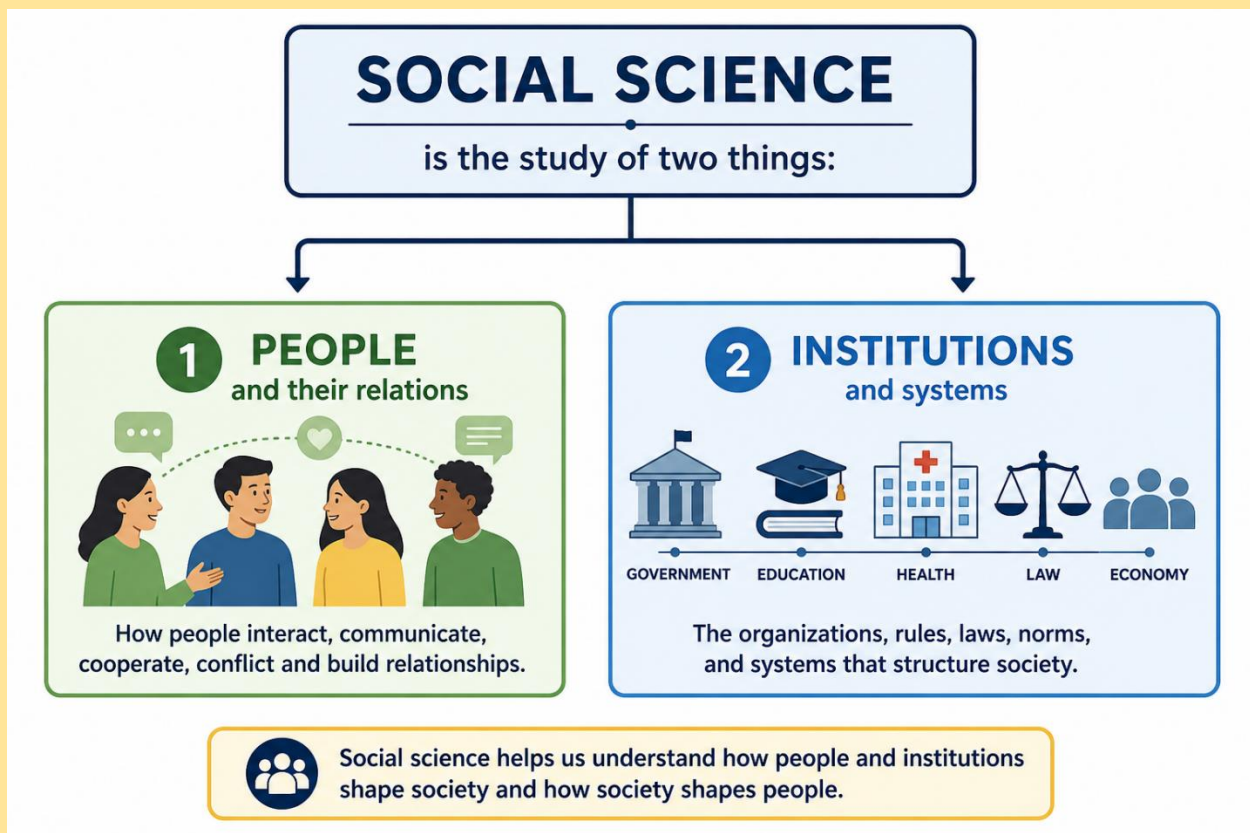


Meaning of social science: Social science can be defined as the study of various factors of society and the relation they share with each other.

Standard definition by scholars

James High: Social science is the study of man and his environment in their relation to each other.

Charles Beard: Social sciences are a body of knowledge and thought pertaining to human affairs as distinguished from the physical world.



The above picture covers the what part but social science is not limited to what portion but it also covers the why part related to a topic.

Social Science is a systematic study of human society and the relationship between the individual and society, social institutions, and organisations. It draws its content from the disciplines of History, Geography, Political Science, and Economics, to provide an interdisciplinary understanding of society and its functions. At the heart of Social Science education lies an understanding of the

world, the diverse concerns of human society, and participating in it as empathetic and responsible citizens.

Human relations + social institutions -----> Social science.

Scope of social sciences

Social science involves a wide range of questions and areas that helps in understanding human life and society. As human societies are very complex we need a range of subjects to understand the societies. But at the school level we will be dealing with.

History

Geography

Political science

Economics.

Geography as discipline

Geography means the study of the Earth. Here in Geography we try to understand the earth and the relationship between the Earth and humans. It studies climate, rivers, soil, environment and other factors that influences the life of humans. Geography helps us in answering questions like

Why some regions are more populated than other regions?

What some region receives more rainfall than other?

What types of crops must be grown in certain regions?

Geography also helps us in understanding environmental challenges

History as discipline

History helps us in understanding the present structure of society, through the understanding of society and culture, rise and fall of institutions and ideas, movement for freedom and justice. History is the source of ideals and values that guides our societies.

Political science as discipline

It deals with the relation between Government and its people, it also helps in understanding laws rights and duties.

Economics as a discipline

It explains how people in societies manage resources and their choices. It helps in understanding development poverty production and other aspects.



Yeah sab toh theek hai mere bacche.
But what is the use of social science in
real life?

Social Science in Daily Life

— Helping us understand our world and make it better —

1. Social Science and Society



- ✓ It helps us understand social issues such as discrimination, prejudice, and social exclusion, and promotes equality, inclusion, and respect for all.



2. Social Science and Environment



- ✓ It helps us understand how human activities affect the environment and how environmental changes impact our lives, so we can promote sustainability and protect our planet.



3. Social Science and Economy



- ✓ It helps us understand how our choices affect families, communities, and the nation's economy, so we can make informed decisions for a better and stronger society.



4. Social Science and Governance



- ✓ It helps us understand how political decisions are made and how people can participate in governance to create a just, fair, and accountable society.



In short: Social science helps us understand people, societies, economies, and the environment—and empowers us to make responsible choices and build a better future for all.

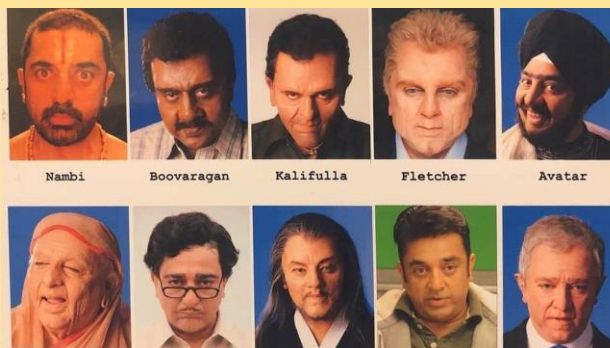
Interconnection between social science subjects: in real life application one subject may not be enough to understand and solve the social problems. Hence we require application of multiple subjects to solve such issues. For example- Why certain areas are underdeveloped? This question need application of all four subjects under social science.



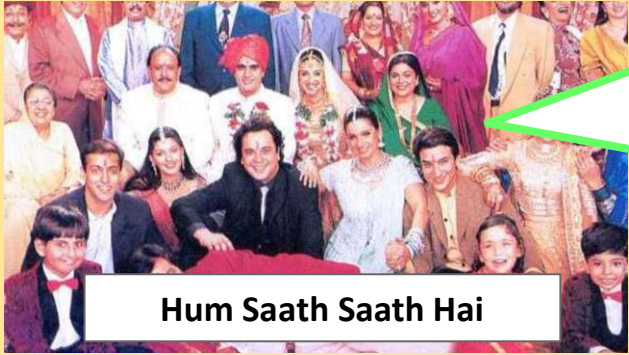
Diversity, inclusivity, sustainability and equity. Yeah woh chaar stambh hai jinpar chalkar social science Samaj ko raah dikhati hai.

These values helps us-

- 1. To resolve the differences that exists in society.**
- 2. To plan the distribution of natural resources and plan development.**
- 3. To validate the fairness of decisons, rules, laws and policies.**



Diversity is not only about noticing the differences. It is about understanding and appreciating the role of each section in society.



Inclusivity means creating environment so that each and every person feels welcome and respected. inclusivity can also be defined as social equality.



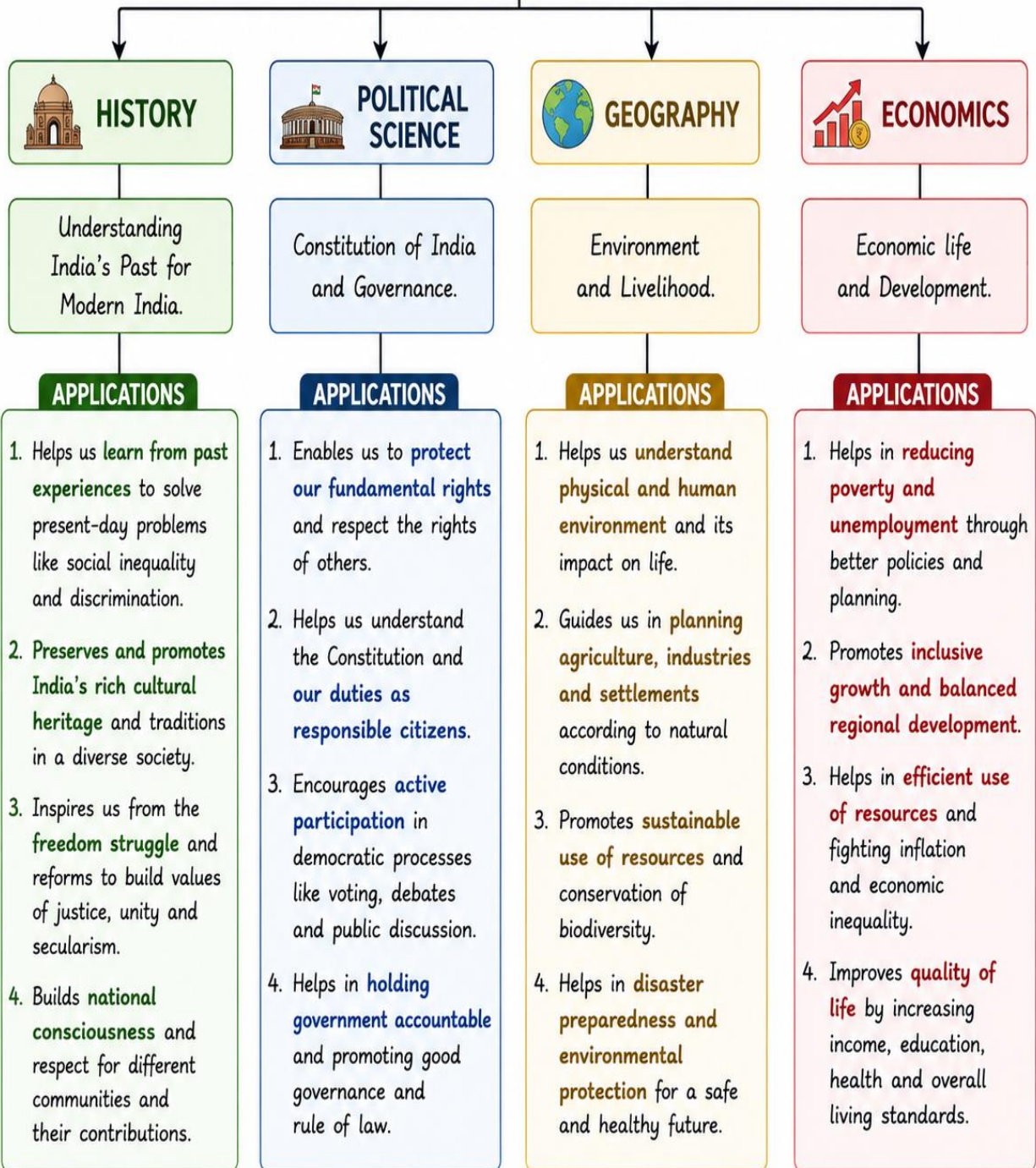
Sustainability, it means using resources wisely so that both present and future generations can meet their needs.



Equity, it means fairness in opportunity and outcomes. The idea is to provide additional support to the marginalized people.


























All these values plays a very important role in solving problems like discrimination, unequal access to services and opportunities, environmental damage, poverty, hunger, development and other social challenges.

APPLICATION OF SOCIAL SCIENCE IN INDIAN SOCIETY



OVERALL IMPACT : Social science subjects help us understand society and the world around us and apply this knowledge to build a just, democratic, inclusive, prosperous and sustainable India.

Identify the Value Represented in Each Picture (Equity / Diversity / Inclusivity / Sustainability)

	1	2	3	4	5
A	 <p>Scholarship to a needy student</p>	 <p>Use of public transport</p>	 <p>Children from different cultures</p>	 <p>Ramp for wheelchair access</p>	 <p>Solar panels on roof</p>
B	 <p>Equal pay for equal work</p>	 <p>Rainwater harvesting</p>	 <p>Multi-language signboards</p>	 <p>Braille books for visually impaired</p>	 <p>Girls' education campaign</p>
C	 <p>Cycling to work</p>	 <p>Tribal and urban community interaction</p>	 <p>Reservation policy</p>	 <p>Inclusive classroom (special needs)</p>	 <p>Tree plantation drive</p>
D	 <p>Public transport (bus)</p>	 <p>Festival of different religions</p>	 <p>Accessible public toilets</p>	 <p>Wind energy turbines</p>	 <p>Mid-day meal scheme</p>
E	 <p>Sign language interpreter</p>	 <p>Cultural diversity in dress</p>	 <p>Water conservation campaign</p>	 <p>Free education scheme</p>	 <p>Green city (parks and open spaces)</p>

Value Cell Numbers

Equity A1, B1, B5, C3, D5, E4

Diversity A3, C2, D2, E2

Inclusivity A4, B3, B4, C4, D3, E1

Sustainability A2, A5, B2, C1, C5, D1, D4, E3, E5

Sample questions

5 Marks questions

- 1. Explain how social science helps us understand the world around us by giving examples from daily life related to environment, economy, and governance.**
- 2. All societies are guided by values and principles. Explain how any three such values influence the use of natural resources and planning of development, with examples.**
- 3. India is a unique country because of its diversity and geography. Explain how its uniqueness posed a challenge in framing policies and development plans.**

3 Marks questions

- 1. Geography is the study of landforms and climate. Explain how geography helps us in understanding the life of people.**
- 2. History is often associated with dates and kings. Do you agree with this statement? Explain your idea with example.**
- 3. Explain how social science can be used as a tool of sustainable development.**

2 Marks questions

- 1. Explain with any two points how political science helps in understanding society.**
- 2. In a classroom, all students are treated equally but some still struggle to perform. Explain the difference between inclusivity and equity using this example.**

3. Local self government is a landmark achievement in Indian governance. Do you agree with this statement.

MCQ

1. A district administration plans to solve water scarcity. Experts study rainfall patterns, groundwater use, public policies, and the economic condition of farmers together. What does this situation best highlight about Social Science?

- A. Social Science studies only human behaviour**
- B. Different branches of Social Science are interconnected in solving real-life problems**
- C. Geography is more important than all other branches**
- D. Economics alone can solve social issues**

2. Values are an important part of Social Science. From the following options, choose the one that best represents sustainability.

- A. Rainwater harvesting system**
- B. Online shopping festival**
- C. Luxury residential township**
- D. Multi-level parking complex**

3. A state government plans to build industries near a river basin. Environmentalists warn about floods, while economists support the project for employment generation. Geographers are asked to study landforms, climate, population density, and resource distribution before the final decision.

Which characteristic of Geography as a discipline is best reflected in this situation?

- A. Geography studies only natural landscapes**

B. Geography examines the interaction between humans and the environment

C. Geography is limited to map-making and location study

D. Geography focuses only on economic activities

4. In a democratic country, citizens disagree with a government policy and organise peaceful protests while also approaching courts and media platforms.

Which feature of democracy is best reflected in this example?

A. Concentration of power

B. Suppression of dissent

C. Active citizenship and constitutional rights

D. Rule by military authority

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