

Sociology

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Paper 1

Section A

Question 1. Answer the following questions in about 150 words each

- What is the distinctiveness of the feminist method of Social research Comment.
- Discuss the relationship between sociology and political science.
- How does the dramaturgical perspective enable our understanding of everyday life?
- Is reference group theory a universally applicable model? Elucidate.
- Do you think that the boundary line between ethnicity and race is blurred? Justify your answer.

Question 2.

- What, according to Robert Michels, is the iron law of oligarchy? Do lions and foxes in Vilfredo Pareto's theory, essentially differ from each other? Substantiate.
- What is historical materialism? Examine its relevance in understanding contemporary societies.
- What are variables? How do they facilitate research?

Question 3.

- What are the characteristics of scientific method? Do you think that scientific method in conducting sociological research is foolproof? Elaborate.
- How do you assess the changing patterns in kinship relations in societies today?
- Is Weber's idea of bureaucracy a product of the historical experiences of Europe? Comment.

Question 4.

- Do you think that common sense is the starting point of social research? What are its advantages and limitations? Explain.
- How is poverty a form of social exclusion? Illustrate in this connection the different dimensions of poverty and social exclusion.
- Highlight the differences and similarities between totemism and animism.

Section B

Question 5. Answer the following questions in about 150 words each:

- a) Examine the relevance of corporate social responsibility in a world marked by increasing environmental crises.
- b) How is civil society used in deepening the roots of democracy?
- c) What functions does religion perform in a pluralistic society?
- d) Analyze critically David Morgan's views on family practices.
- e) Does women's education help to eradicate patriarchal discriminations? Reflect with illustrations.

Question 6.

- a) What are the different dimensions of qualitative method? Do you think that qualitative methods helps to gain a deeper sociological insight? Give reasons for your answer.
- b) Explain Max Weber's theory of social stratification. How does Weber's idea of class differ from that of Marx?
- c) What are the ethical issues that a researcher faces in making use of participant observation as a method of collecting data? Explain.

Question 7.

- a) Explain how economic globalization has brought changes in the patterns of employment in the 21st century.
- b) Do you think that the social media has brought significant changes in the forms of protest? Argue your case.
- c) Assess critically A. G. Frank's theory of development of underdevelopment'.

Question 8.

- a) What is Taylorism? Analyze its merits and demerits.
- b) What are new religious movements? Elaborate emphasizing their forms and orientations.
- c) Examine the role of science and technology in addressing age-old taboos and superstitions.