

Sociology

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Paper 2

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Section A

Question 1. Write short answers, with a sociological perspective, on the following questions in about 150 words each :

- Highlight the significant features of A.R Desai's 'Dialectical Perspective' to study Indian Society.
- "The decade of 1950 was the golden period of village studies in Indian Sociology." Explain the statement.
- Analyse the difference between the attributional and interactional approach in studying the caste system.
- Are Tradition and Modernity antithetical to each other? Comment.
- Discuss the main features of Land Reforms in post-independence India.

Question 2.

- Do you agree with the view of Andre Beteille that India's villages are representative of Indian society's basic civilizational values? Present a sociological overview.
- Elaborate the salient features and the role of middle class in India's democracy and development.
- Analyse the role of market and modern forces in understanding the changing trends in marriage systems in India.

Question 3.

- Contextualize Louis Dumont's concept of 'binary opposition' with reference to caste system in India.
- Define the concepts of 'Descent' and 'Alliance'. Differentiate between North Indian and South Indian Kinship systems with examples.
- Critically examine the concept of Sanskritization with suitable illustrations.

Question 4.

- Analyse the perspectives of Isolation. Assimilation and integration in understanding the trajectories of India Tribal Development.
- Explain the and the implication and the impact of globalization in situating the changing agrarian class structure in India.
- Critique the victory narratives of Green Revolution in the context of Indian society.

Section B

Question 5. Write short answers, with a sociological perspective, on the following questions in about 150 words each:

- a) Citing some case studies, expand the concept of 'Development-induced Displacement'.
- b) Examine the concept of 'Cultural Pluralism' in the context of India's Unity in Diversity.
- c) Highlight the salient features of the New Education Policy (NEP) 2020.
- d) Analyse the sociological interconnections between Social Media and Mass Mobilization in India.
- e) Discuss the nature of regional variations in sex ratio in India. Stating reasons thereof.

Question 6.

- a) How do you account for the increasing significance of religion in public and personal spheres in the context of secularization thesis in India? Explain.
- b) In the face of rising global climatic concerns, how do you contextualize the relevance of Chipko Movement and its Gandhian tone? Answer analytically.
- c) What actionable measures would you suggest to curb the recurrent child labour menace in India?

Question 7.

- a) Do you think that the decades of Dalit political mobilizations and movements have helped in strengthening India's democracy? Substantiate your arguments with facts.
- b) What is 'reverse migration'? Discuss its features, causes and consequences in India.
- c) Discuss the phenomenon of rural-urban continuum with suitable examples.

Question 8.

- a) Explain the thematic linkages between 'Patriarchy' and 'Honour killing' in India, citing some recent cases.
- b) Discuss the challenges faced by the cooperative movements in India. Suggest measures to strengthen the movement at the grass-roots level.
- c) What is 'Ageing'? Discuss the major problems of aged people in India.