

# SOCIOLOGY

# PREVIOUS YEAR QUESTIONS







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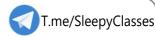
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#### 150 Words for 10 Marks | Around 250 Words for 20 Marks

## A. Introducing Indian Society

#### (i) Perspectives on the Study of Indian Society:

- **1.** Highlight the significant features of A.R Desai's 'Dialectical Perspective' to study Indian Society. **(2023/II/1a/10)**
- 2. Elaborate on M.N. Srinivas's structural-functionalist approach to the study of Indian society (2022/II/1a/10)
- **3.** Critically examine G.S. Ghurye's Indological approach to the understanding of Indian society. **(2022/II/2a/20)**
- **4.** Critically examine Yogendra Singh's thesis on 'Modernisation of Indian Tradition'. **(2022 II/3a/20)**
- 5. Examine the social background of growth of Indian nationalism. (2022/4a/II/20)
- 6. Discuss Marxist approach to the analysis of Indian nationalism. (2015/II/4a/20)
- 7. Analyze A.R. Desai's views on India's path of development. (2018/II/2a/20)
- 8. Elaborate A. R. Desai's perspective to the study of Indian society. (2020/II/1a/10)
- 9. Elaborate Srinivas's views on religion and society among the Coorgs. (2019/II/1a/10)
- 10. Give an account of Ranajit Guha's approach in studying 'subaltern class'. (2019/II/3c/10)
- **11.** Write a note on G.S. Ghurye's Indological perspective of understanding Indian society. **(2018/II/1a/10)**
- **12.** Write a critique of the structural and functional perspective used by M.N. Srinivas in the understanding of Indian society. **(2017/II/1a/10)**
- **13.** Write short notes with a sociological perspective: Salient Features of A.R. Desai's Marxist Sociology **(2016/II/1a/10)**
- **14.** Write short notes with a sociological perspective on the following in 150 words: G.S. Ghurye's Indological approach to understand society in India. **(2014/II/1a/10)**
- **15.** Write short note with a sociological perspective: M.N. Srinivas's concept of westernisation.(150 words) (2013//II/1b/10)

## (ii) Impact of colonial rule on Indian society:

- **1.** Colonial administrators helped to construct the very traditionalism which marked the Indian society as 'backward'. Comment critically. **(2020/II/8a/20)**
- 2. Examine sociological dynamics of Champaran Peasant Movement in colonial India. (2018/II/2b/20)





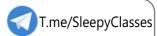
- 3. The main objectives of socio-religious movements during the colonial rule in India were reforming and synthesizing Hinduism. Write on any two such important movements. (2017/II/2a/20)
- **4.** Discuss Yogendra Singh's thesis on Modernisation of Indian Tradition, and evaluate its applicability in the present-day context. **(2017/II/2b/20)**
- 5. Discuss the paradigm of modernization of Indian tradition in analysing social change in India. (2015/II/3a/20)
- 6. Analyze Gandhi as a moralist, ascetic and man of action through his Hind Swaraj. (2015/II/8a/20)
- 7. Discuss the social background of Indian nationalism. (2014/II/2b/20)
- **8.** Discuss in detail the major contribution of Prof. Yogendra Singh in theorizing India's modernization. **(2021/II/3a/20)**
- **9.** Write short notes with a sociological perspective on the following in about 150 words: Modernisation of Indian traditions **(2014/II/1b/10)**
- **10.** Write short notes with a sociological perspective: Anti-Brahmanical movements during the colonial period. **(2016/II/1d/10)**
- **11.** Banning Practice of 'Sati' is attributed to annihilation of a major social evil in colonial Indian. "Comment. (2020/II/1b/10)

## **B. Social Structure:**

## (i) Rural and Agrarian Social Structure:

- 1. 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. (2023/II/2a/10)
- 2. Discuss the main features of Land Reforms in post-independence India. (2023/II/1e/10)
- **3.** "The decade of 1950 was the golden period of village studies in Indian Sociology." Explain the statement. **(2023/II/1b/10)**
- **4.** Do you agree that the agrarian class structure in India is changing? Justify your answer with illustrations. **(2022/II/1b/10)**
- 5. Discuss the challenges during village studies in India. (2022/II/4c/10)
- **6.** Examine the factors responsible for the rural unrest in contemporary India. 20 (2021/II/3b/20)
- 7. Discuss the role of Technology in agrarian change in India.10 (2021/II/5e/10)
- 8. Describe the impact of land reforms on the peasants of Indian society. (2014/II/4b/20)
- 9. Critically examine Dube's contributions to the study of Indian villages. (2019/II/2a/20)
- 10. Indian rural society is a faction-ridden society". Discuss. (2020/II/2c/10)
- **11.** Examine the changing initiatives of the land tenure system in India. **(2019/II/1c/10)**





- 12. Give a critical analysis of Andre Beteille's study of Tanjore village. (2018/II/1b/10)
- **13.** Write short notes with a sociological perspective: Significance of Village Studies in Indian Sociology. **(2016/II/1b/10)**
- **14.** Analyse the major components of Land Reform Acts. Show their effectiveness in curbing rural inequality. **(2016/II/2c/10)**
- **15.** Write short note with a sociological perspective: Jyotirao Phule as an agrarian radical. **(2015/II/1b/10)**
- 16. What is the idea of 'Indian village'? Explain. (2014/II/4c/10)
- 17. Write short note with a sociological perspective: André Béteille's definition of class. (150 words) (2013/II/1a/10)

#### ii) Caste System:

- 1. Critically examine the concept of Sanskritization with suitable illustrations. (2023/II/3c/10)
- **2.** Contextualize Louis Dumont's concept of 'binary opposition' with reference to caste system in India. (2023/II/3a/20)
- 3. Are Tradition and Modernity antithetical to each other? Comment. (2023/II/1d/10)
- **4.** In the context of the changing Indian society, how do you view Andre Beteille's conceptions of harmonic and disharmonic social structures? (2022/II/1d/10)
- 5. Explain different forms of untouchability in India (2022/II/3c/10)
- 6. Caste System studies in India have been dominated by the "book -view" initially. How did the entry of "field- view" bring about a balance in the study of Indian caste system? Discuss. (2021/II/1a/10)
- 7. What does Dr. B.R Ambedkar mean by the concept of "Annihilation of Caste"? 10 (2021/II/1b/10)
- **8.** Caste-like formations are present in Non-Hindu religious communities as well. Discuss with examples. **(2021/II/1e/10)**
- **9.** Is Indian society moving from "hierarchy" towards "differentiation"? Illustrate your answer with suitable examples. **(2021/II/2b/20)**
- **10.** What are the various forms of untouchability in India? Critically examine. **10** (2021/II/4c/20)
- 11. What are the main features of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's views on annihilation of caste? (2013/II/3a/20)
- 12. Critically evaluate Louis Dumont's Homo Hierarchicus. (2013/II/3b/20)
- 13. Discuss B.R. Ambedkar as a wise democrat. (2015/II/7a/20)
- 14. Is caste system changing, weakening or disintegrating in India? (2015/II/2a/20)
- **15.** How has BR Ambedkar identified the features of caste system? How is it different from the mainstream treatment of caste features? **(2016/II/2a/20)**





- **16.** Discuss Andre Beteille's account of the relationship between caste, class and power change from symmetrical to asymmetrical one. (2016/II/2b/20)
- **17.** What is caste politics? Substantiate your answer with examples of how identities are defined by caste dynamics. (2019/II/2b/20)
- 18. What do you understand by discrete castes and muddled hierarchies? (2018/II/3a/20)
- **19.** Has caste system hindered democracy and adult franchise in India? Discuss. **(2018/I1/7a/20)**
- **20.** "Indian caste system is unique and has been unhealthy for the growth of Sociology of India". How far do you agree with this view? **(2020/11/2a/20)**
- **21.** Discuss Whitehead's contention that caste has the potential to displace class and colonial contradiction. **(2020/II/2b/20)**
- **22.** Which is more significant, the principle of" hierarchy 'or the principle of difference ', in inter-caste relations in the present day? **(2017/11/1b/10)**
- **23.** How have the struggles against untouchability changed their forms and perspectives from Gandhian to Ambedkarite positions? **(2017/II/1d/10)**
- **24.** What are the changes in the cultural and structural aspects of the caste system since independence? **(2017/II/2c/10)**
- 25. Write short note with perspective: Louis Dumont's perspective on the Indian caste system. (2015/II/1c/10)
- 26. Write short note with a sociological perspective: How far Gandhi was trusted by the untouchables. (2015/II/1d/10)
- 27. Write short note with a sociological Perspective: How far Srinivas's Sanskritization is modernizing force or traditionalizing force in understanding the changes in caste system? (2015/II/5e/10)
- **28.** Write short notes with a sociological perspective on the following in about 150 words Features of caste system. (2014/II/1a/10)
- **29.** Write some of the important social reforms in India for the removal of untouchability. **(2014/II/3c/10)**
- **30.** How do caste and class come together in creating the category of extreme poor? **(2014/II/7c/10)**
- **31.** What are the features of M.N. Srinivas' concept of dominant caste? How effective is it in understanding today's reality? **(2013/II/3c/10)**
- **32.** How do you justify Dumont's deliberate stress on ideology that produced intellectualized account of Indian society? **(2020/II/1c/10)**
- 33. Write a note on Ghurye's conception of caste in India. (2019/II/1d/10)

#### (iii) Tribal Communities in India:

1. Analyse the perspectives of Isolation. Assimilation and integration in understanding the trajectories of India Tribal Development. (2023/II/4a/20)





- 2. Do you agree that the agrarian class structure in India is changing? Justify your answer with illustrations. (2022/II/1b/10)
- **3.** Define ethnicity. Discuss the factors responsible for the growth of ethnic movements in India. 20 (2022/II/6b/20)
- **4.** Analyze the different views on integration and autonomy of tribes in India. **(2014/II/2a/20)**
- 5. What are the features that distinguish tribes from the rest of the population? (2013/II/2a/20)
- 6. Write a note on ethnicity and integration in the context of tribes. (2013/II/2b/20)
- 7. What is ethnonationalism? Examine the critical factors responsible for tribal discontent in India. (2019/II/3a/20)
- 8. What is the nature of religious change among tribal communities? Illustrate with two examples from colonial and post-independence times. (2017/II/4b/20)
- **9.** Examine the colonial policy of segregation of tribes under the Government of India Act 1935 **(2020/II/3a/20)**
- **10.** Why have we started using another category of tribes called the Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs)? Why are they so-called? **(2017/II/8c/10)**
- **11.** Write short notes with a sociological a dominant perspective: 'Isolationism' as feature of colonial tribal policy. (2016/II/1c/10)
- 12. How is the tribal question related to the issues of integration and autonomy in modern India? (2016/II/4a/20)
- **13.** Write short note with sociological perspective: Verrier Elwin's views on freedom for the tribals. **(2015/II/1a/10)**
- **14.** write short note with a sociological perspective: Main Objective of Tribal sub plan **(TSP) (2015/II/5b/10)**
- **15.** How does the new Forest Act affect tribals? (2013/II/2c/10)
- **16.** Explain the definitional problems concerning the tribal communities in India. (2020/I1/1d/10)
- 17. Comment on the growing assertion of tribal community for autonomy in India. (2019/II/1e/10)

#### (iv) Social Classes in India:

- **1.** Explain the and the implication and the impact of globalization in situating the changing agrarian class structure in India. (2023/II/4b/20)
- 2. Elaborate the salient features and the role of middle class in India's democracy and development. (2023/II/2b/20)
- 3. Discuss the salient features of "new middle class" in India. (2021/II/2c/10)
- **4.** How has the New Economic Policy (1991) affected the lifestyle and life -chances of New middle class in India? **(2018/II/4a/20)**



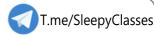


- 5. Discuss the status of women among the emerging urban middle class. (2014/II/4a/20)
- 6. Discuss the salient features of Indian middle class. (2013/II/4c/10)
- 7. What accounts for the growth and consolidation of middle classes in modern India? Elucidate. (2016/II/4c/10)
- 8. How does Andra Beteille Justify 'middle class in India? (2020/II/3c/10)
- 9. Write a note on the changing roles of middle-class women in India. (2018/II/1d/10)
- **10.** Write short note with a sociological perspective: Classes in agrarian society in India. (150 words) (2013/II/1d/10)
- **11.** Write short note with a sociological perspective: Other Backward Classes. (150 words) **(2013/II/1e/10)**

#### (v)Systems of Kinship in India:

- 1. Examine the concept of 'Cultural Pluralism' in the context of India's Unity in Diversity. (2023/II/5b/20)
- **2.** Define the concepts of 'Descent' and 'Alliance'. Differentiate between North Indian and South Indian Kinship systems with examples. (2023/II/3b/20)
- **3.** Analyse the role of market and modern forces in understanding the changing trends in marriage systems in India. (2023/II/2c/10)
- 4. Discuss the material basis of patriarchy as an ideological system. (2022/II/3b/20)
- 5. What is patriarchy? How does it affect the in-child socialization pattern in India? (2015/II/3b/20)
- **6.** Bring out the significance of the difference between family and household. **(2016/II/3a/20)**
- 7. Give some of the important studies relating to the structural changes in the Indian family system. (2015/Il/2b/20)
- 8. Western patriarchy which surrenders feminine principles is the new development project in India. Do you agree with this view? Why? (2018/II/8b/20)
- 9. Clarify the distinction between 'household' and 'family' and evaluate whether joint families have completely disintegrated. (2017/II/3b/20)
- 10. Discuss the conceptual issues about lineage and descent in India. Give suitable illustrations. (2020/II/4a/20)
- 11. Analyze household dimensions of family in India. (2020/II/4b/20)
- **12.** Define patriarchy. Does it have bearings on women's entitlement in Indian family system? Explain. **(2019/II/4a/20)**
- **13.** What do you understand by LGBTQ? Comment on the issues concerning their marriage rights. **(2019/II/4c/10)**
- **14.** Illustrate the importance of 'Kanyadan' and 'Kulabadhu' in changing institutions of marriage and family. **(2018/II/3c/10)**





- **15.** Discuss the issues relating to the entitlement of transgender in Indian society. **(2018/II/4c/10)**
- **16.** Compare the North Indian Kinship System with the South Indian Kinship System. **(2017/II/3c/10)**
- **17.** Write short notes with perspective: Patriarchy as dominance. a sociological form of a **(2016/Il/le/10)**
- 18. Broadly compare the kinship system of North and South India. (2015/II/2c/10)
- **19.** Write short notes with a sociological perspective on the following in about 150 words Types of kinship systems in India (2014/II/1a/10)
- **20.** Define Patriarchy. How does it impact the overall entitlement of a girl child in India? (2014/II/2c/10)

#### (vi) Religion and Society

- **1.** Discuss the problems of religious minorities in India and suggest measures to solve them. 10 (2022/II/2c/10)
- **2.** Elucidate the concepts of 'majoritarianism and 'minoritarianism' in accentuating communal tensions in India. (2016/II/3b/20)
- 3. What are the basic tenets of Hindu religion? Is Hinduism based on monotheism or polytheism? (2015/II/46/20)
- 4. What are the major concerns of ethnic identity and religious identity in India? (2015/II/6b/20)
- 5. Discuss the problems of religious minorities in India. (2014/II/3b/20)
- 6. Write a critical narrative on the concerns of religious minorities in India. (2018/11/4b/20)
- 7. How do you understand the 'minority' question? Examine the violence and discrimination against the religious minorities in India. (2019/II/4b/20)
- 8. Write a note on cultural pluralism' in multi religious society like India. (2020/II/4c/10)
- **9.** Do you think that the Indian saints have brought about social reform and awareness in Indian society? Explain. (2019/II/2c/10)
- 10. Discuss the growth of religious sects in India. (2018/II/1e/10)
- **11.** Assess the impact of ban on "Triple Talak' on marriage and divorce among the Muslim community in India. **(2018/II/8c/10)**
- 12. What are the distinct features of Islam as practised in India, and how have they changed over time? (2017/II/1c/10)



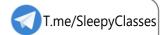


# C. Social Changes in India:

#### (i) Visions of Social Change in India:

- 1. Highlight the salient features of the New Education Policy (NEP) 2020. (2023/II/5c/10)
- 2. "Instead of promoting equality in society, the present system of education itself has contributed to increased socio-economic disparities." Comment. 20 (2022/II/7a/20)
- 3. Examine the importance of Development Planning in Indian Mixed Economy and analyze its problems and prospects. (2019/II/6a/20)
- **4.** Do you think that 'demonetization' has accelerated the economic growth in India? How do you understand the informalization of labour, underemployment and gender discrimination in this context? **(2019/II/7a/20)**
- 5. Discuss the changing dimensions of family structure in urban India. (2021/II/3c/10)
- 6. Analyse the idea of development planning in India. (2021/II/5a/10)
- 7. Explain the sociological significance of the New Education Policy and its thrust on vocationalization and skill development. (2021/II/6a/20)
- 8. Discuss in detail the main issues of development planning in mixed economy like India? (2020/II/6a/20)
- 9. Discuss the salient features of right to education. (2013/II/8c/10)
- **10.** How does the New Education Policy, 2020 1 aim to eradicate disparities in the system of education in India? (2020/II/5d/10)
- 11. Comment on the critical issues of commercialization of higher education in India. (2019/II/5a/10)
- **12.** Assess the role of the State in promoting education of girl child. **(2018/II/5d/10)**
- **13.** Elaborate the concept of constitutional morality as given by B.R. Ambedkar. **(2018/II/5a/10)**
- **14.** Write Short note with a sociological Perspective: Five Year Plans. **(2013/II/5a/10)**
- **15.** Write a note on Education and Equality in India. (2017/II/5b/10)
- **16.** Write short notes with a sociological perspective: Privatization of education and increasing inequalities. **(2016/II/5a/10)**
- **17.** Write short notes with a sociological 6. perspective: Empowerment through 'Right to Education'. **(2016/II/5d/10)**
- **18.** Write short note with a sociological Perspective: Important components of National Education Policy in India. **(2015/II/5a/10)**
- **19.** Write short notes with a sociological perspective on the following in about 150 words: Impact of privatisation on educational disparities. **(2014/II/5d/10)**





#### (ii) Rural and Agrarian Transformation in India:

- 1. Discuss the challenges faced by the cooperative movements in India. Suggest measures to strengthen the movement at the grass-roots level. (2023/II/8b/20)
- 2. What is 'reverse migration'? Discuss its features, causes and consequences in India. (2023/II/7b/20)
- **3.** Critique the victory narratives of Green Revolution in the context of Indian society. (2023/II/4c/10)
- **4.** Explain how land reforms brought about desired agrarian transformation. (2022/II/4b/20)
- 5. What role do co-operatives play in poverty alleviation in rural India? (2022/II/5e/10)
- **6.** What are the sociological reasons and implication of "reverse migration" during the recent pandemic in India? **(2021/II/4a/20)**
- 7. Comment on the role of co- operatives in rural development. (2021/II/5b/20)
- 8. Write a note on the uneven impact of 'Green Revolution' on rural society. (2016/II/6a/20)
- 9. Bring out the impact of the declining significance of the agrarian economy. (2016/II/8a/20)
- 10. Has 'Green Revolution' led to the formation of new power elite in rural India? Elaborate your answer. (2018/II/6b/20)
- 11. Highlight the main features of the 'Inter-linking of Rivers' project in India. What could be its probable advantages to Indian agriculture? (2019/II/6b/20)
- **12.** Discuss the dynamics of 'migrant workers' in India in the context of Corona pandemic. **(2020/II/3b/20)**
- **13.** Do you think MSP (Minimum Support Price) Scheme for agricultural produce can help in rural development? Elaborate your response with suitable examples. **(2020/II/6b/20)**
- **14.** Write short note with a sociological perspective Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme. **(2013/II/5b/10)**
- **15.** Discuss the challenges in implementing the Rural Development Programs in India. (2019/I1/5b/10)
- **16.** How do the recommendations of Swaminathan Commission (2004-2006) ensure food and nutrition security for the Indian masses? (2018/I1/2c/10)
- 17. Write a short note on 'changing means of production and increased rural poverty.' (2017/II/le/10)
- **18.** Write short notes with a sociological perspective: Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme for rural development. 9. **(2016/II/5b/10)**
- 19. Write short note with a sociological perspective: Green Revolution (2013/II/5c/10)
- 20. Point out the benefits of 'green chemistry' for agrarian transformation in India. (2020/II/5a/10)

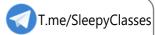




#### (iii) Industrialization and Urbanisation in India:

- 1. Discuss the phenomenon of rural-urban continuum with suitable examples. (2023/II/7c/10)
- 2. What actionable measures would you suggest to curb the recurrent child labour menace in India? (2023/II/6c/10)
- 3. Analyse the difference between the attributional and interactional approach in studying the caste system. (2023/II/1c/10)
- 4. How do you view the growth of informal sector in India? (2022/II/5c/10)
- **5.** Examine whether rural bondage still continues to be a social reality. Give your argument. 20 (2022/II/6a/10)
- 6. Discuss different forms of deprivation associated with slums. (2022/II/7c/10)
- 7. Discuss the changing nature of Industrial working class. (2022/II/8c/10)
- 8. Urban slums are sites of social exclusive -Explain. (2021/II/5c/10)
- 9. Urban settlement in India tend to replicate its rural caste -kinship imprints. Discuss the main reasons. (2021/II/8b/20)
- 10. Distinguish between formal and informal sectors in India. (2013/I1/4a/20)
- 11. Human development approach affirms that education and health care growth are more important than economic growth. Discuss this issue in the light of post-liberalized Indian society. (2015/II/8b/20)
- 12. Give a sociological analysis of the problems of migrant urban poor. (2014/II/3a/20)
- **13.** Examine the impact of heritage tourism urban socio-spatial patterns in India. (2017/1/6b/20)
- **14.** Write a detailed note on the effected growing slums in urban areas. **(2016/1/7a/20)**
- **15.** Discuss the changing nature of the problems of working class in the informal sector of the economy. **(2016/11/7b/20)**
- **16.** Examine the impact of industrialization and urbanization on family structure. **(2016/II/8b/20)**
- 17. How do you relate the growth of development of metropolis and its impact on the mental and social life of people in India? (2018/II/6a/20)
- **18.** Is industrial development in India a bane or a boon to agrarian class structure? Substantiate your answer with suitable examples. **(2019/II/3b/20)**
- **19.** Elaborate the causes, consequences and other concerns of growth of urban settlements in India. (2020/II/7a/20)
- **20.** Write an analytical note on slums in cities. **(2013/II/7a/15)**
- 21. Examine the influence of industrialization on caste. (2013/II/4b/15)
- **22.** Point out the main causes of 'child labor' in India. How far the State policies have succeeded in its elimination? **(2020/II/8c/10)**
- 23. Elaborate urbanism as a way of life in India. (2019/II/5c/10)





- **24.** Elucidate the concerns of growing urban displacement dynamism in India. 5 (2019/II/5e/10)
- **25.** Write a note on Basic Services to Urban Poor (BSUP) and Integrated Housing and Slum Development (IHSD) programs provided for the urban poor. **(2018/II/6c/10)**
- **26.** Compare the pressing problems of a dalit poor family living in an urban slum with a similar type of family living in a rural setting. **(2017/II/4c/10)**
- **27.** Do you agree that the issue of child labor raises questions about and beyond the informal sector? Give reasons. **(2017/II/5d/10)**
- **28.** Write short note with a sociological Perspective: Issues relating to the informal labor market in urban India. **(2015/II/5d/10)**
- 29. Discuss the impact of globalization on the workers in the Informal sector. (2014/II/6c/10)
- 30. Write short note with a sociological perspective Child Labour. (2013/I1/5d/10)

#### (iv) Politics and Society

- **1.** How do you account for the increasing significance of religion in public and personal spheres in the context of secularization thesis in India? Explain. (2023/II/6a/20)
- 2. Analyse the sociological interconnections between Social Media and Mass Mobilization in India. (2023/II/5d/10)
- 3. Examine different understandings of secularisation in India (2022/II/5b/10)
- 4. Bring out the various issues involved in Dalit movements in India. 20 (2022/II/8a/20)
- **5.** Does regionalism essentially lead to decentralization of power? Substantiate your answer with relevant examples.10 (2021/II/5D/10)
- **6.** Is social democracy a precondition for political democracy? Comment. 10 (2021/II/7c/10)
- 7. To what extent does nation building depend on strengthening of pluralities in Indian society. (2017/II/7b/20)
- 8. Elaborate various forms of Dalit assertions in contemporary India? What are its implications on the Indian political system? (2018/II/7b/20)
- 9. Comment on the changing democratic profile of India. (2019/11/5d/20)
- **10.** Discuss the implications of 'Swachha Bharat Abhiyan'. Do you think that civil society has a role to play here? Substantiate your answer with examples. **(2019/11/7b/20)**
- **11.** 'Secularism was an outcome of 20th century humanistic radicalism.' Comment on this statement. **(2020/II/1e/10)**
- **12.** Analyze the issues related to the citizenship in contemporary India. Give suitable illustrations. **(2020/II/5b/10)**



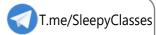


- **13.** What do you understand by democratic federalism? How does it promote decentralization of power in India? (2020/II/5e/10)
- 14. Media is the fourth pillar of democracy. Discuss, (2018/II/1c/10)
- **15.** With increase in education and economic development is Indian society becoming more secular? **(2018/II/7c/10)**
- 16. Give an account of the problems relating to the "creamy layer". (2017/II/5c/10)
- 17. Comment on the increasing significance of caste in politics. (2016/II/3c/10)
- **18.** Write short notes with a sociological perspective on the following in about 150 words: Gandhi's efforts on communal harmony **(2014/II/1a/10)**
- 19. Who are the elites? Discuss their roles in bringing social transformation. (2014/II/8c/10)

#### (v)Social Movements in Modern India:

- 1. Do you think that the decodes of Dalit political mobilizations and movements have helped in strengthening India's democracy? Substantiate your arguments with facts. (2023/II/7a/20)
- **2.** In the face of rising global climatic concerns, how do you contextualize the relevance of Chipko Movement and its Gandhian tone? Answer analytically. (2023/II/6b/20)
- 3. Critically examine environment'. the dialectics between 'development and environment. 20 (2022/II/8b/20)
- 4. Discuss the impact of post 1970 feminist movement on Indian middle class. (2015/II/6a/20)
- 5. Despite gains from the women's movement and state policy of women empowerment, gender equality is far from achieved. Identify 2 two major challgnes that prevent this goal from being reached. (2017/II/7a/20)
- 6. Discuss the main features of farmers' movements in independent India. (2015/II/7b/20)
- 7. What are the main features of the second wave of Women's movement in the Indian context? (2014/II/6a/20)
- 8. Discuss the 'Chipko movement' as an example of eco-feminism. (2014/II/6b/20)
- 9. What is the Dalit Movement? Examine the issues highlighted by it. (200 words) (2013/II/8b/20)
- **10.** What is identity politics? Discuss the main trends in Dalit movements in India. (2021/II/2a/20)
- **11.** Rising "ethnocentrism" is leading to conflict in our society. Assess this statement with appropriate reasons.(2021/II/7b/20)
- 12. Bring out the main features of farmers' movements in Modern India. (200 words) (2013/II/6a/20)
- **13.** Evaluate the nature and scope of anthropogenic influence on climate in India and also analyse the environmental movements arising out of it. **(2020/II/7b/20)**
- **14.** Discuss the sociological aspects of movements for separate States. **(200 words) (2013/II/6b/15)**





- **15.** Are the contemporary farmers' movements in India changing their course? Discuss. (2020/II/7c/10)
- **16.** Write short notes with a sociological perspective on the following in about 150 words Dynamics of Contemporary Dalit movements. **(2014/II/5c/10)**
- 17. Illustrate the contributions of the Tebhaga Movement to the peasant struggle in India. (2019/II/1b/10)
- **18.** Do you agree that social movements are caused by opportunity structures that are generated by media? Why? **(2019/II/7c/10)**
- 19. Explain the dynamics of neo-farmers' movement in contemporary India. (2018/II/5c/10)
- 20. Elaborate the 'Me Too' Movement and its impact in India. (2018/II/5e/10)
- **21.** Write short notes with a sociological perspective: Different forms of Dalit assertion. **(2016/II/5c/10)**
- 22. Discuss the various forms of environmental movements started in India. (2016/II/6c/10)
- **23.** Write short note with a sociological perspective Satya Sodhak movement of Mahatma Jyotiba Phule. **(150 words) (2013/II/1c/10)**

#### (vi) Population Dynamics:

- 1. What is 'Ageing'? Discuss the major problems of aged people in India. (2023/II/8c/10)
- 2. Discuss the nature of regional variations in sex ratio in India. Stating reasons thereof. (2023/II/5e/10)
- 3. Discuss the role of pressure groups in strengthening democracy (2022/II/5d/10)
- 4. Discuss recent trends in the structure of migration. 20 (2022/II/7b/20)
- 5. What, according to you, are the two fundamental axes of social discrimination in Indian society? Are they changing? (2017/II/8b/20)
- **6.** Is "ageing" an emerging issue in Indian society? Discuss the major problems of the old age people in India.(2021/II/6b/20)
- 7. Underline the socio-cultural factors responsible for India's skewed sex ratio. (2021/II/6c/10)
- **8.** What are the demographic projections for the aging population (60+) for the next decade? What are the implications for formulating policy for them? (2014/II/7a/20)
- 9. What are the issues relating to male migration and its impact on birthrate? Does it necessarily result in skewed sex ratio? (2018/II/8a/20)
- **10.** What were the salient features of the India's Population Policy (2000)? How far its goals have been achieved? **(2020/II/8b/20)**
- 11. What are the main causes of female mortality in India? (200 Words) (2013/II/7c/15)
- 12. Give an account of the consequences and remedies of chronic malnutrition in India. (2020/11/5c/10)



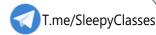


- **13.** Why has 'active aging' become a global goal? Do you agree that the role of elderly caregiving is disproportionately gendered in 1 developing countries? Why? **(2019/II/8a/10)**
- **14.** What is 'social security'? Examine recent security measures adopted by the Government in India. **(2019/I1/8c/10)**
- 15. What are the emerging concerns on women's reproductive health? (2017/II/5e/10)
- **16.** What are the causes and solutions for the low female sex-ratio in the DEMARU States of Punjab, Haryana, Himachal and Gujarat? **(2017/II/6c/10)**
- **17.** Write short notes with a sociological perspective: Differential sex-ratio and its implications. **(2016/II/5e/10)**
- 18. How is aging becoming an emerging issue in Indian society? (2016/II/8c/10)
- **19.** Discuss the problems of elderly in India. What are the different perspectives to solve their problems? **(2015/II/3c/10)**
- 20. Why is it necessary to implement PCPNDT Act in India? (2015/I1/4c/10)
- **21.** Write short notes with a sociological perspective on the following in about 150 words: Trends of Infant Mortality Rate among females. **(2014/II/5a/10)**
- 22. Write short note with a sociological perspective: sex Ratio. (150 words) (2013/II/5e/10)
- 23. Construct a sociological narrative on the increasing trend of child abuse in India. (2018/II/5b/10)

#### (vii) Challenges of Social Transformation:

- 1. Explain the thematic linkages between 'Patriarchy' and 'Honour killing' in India. citing some recent cases. (2023/II/8a/20)
- 2. Citing some case studies, expand the concept of 'Development-induced Displacement'. (2023/II/5a/10)
- 3. Discuss law as an important instrument for women's empowerment. (2022/II/5a/10)
- 4. Discuss the changing nature of structure of political elites. (2022/II.6c/20)
- 5. Discuss the problems of working women in India. (200 words) (2013/II/7b/20)
- 6. The problem of displacement is inherent in the idea of development. Analyse the statement critically. (2021/II/7a/20)
- 7. Discuss the role of social media in communal polarisation. Suggest ways to combat it. (2021/II/8a/20)
- **8.** Does "economic empowerment" automatically bring about "substantive empowerment" for women? Briefly describe the main issues in women empowerment in India. (2021/II/8c/10)
- **9.** What are the possible underlying causes of the spurt of increased violence against women in public spaces in the last decade? (2014/II/7b/20)
- **10.** 'Many caste conflicts are between castes which are close to each other on the hierarchical scale.' Give a sociological explanation for this phenomenon. **(2014/II/8a/20)**





- **11.** "Tribal conflicts based on ethnic differences often camouflage a struggle for political and economic advantage.' Substantiate with examples. **(2014/II/8b/20)**
- 12. Explain the inter-linkages between poverty, deprivation and inequality. (2013/II/6c/15)
- 13. Explain the issues relating to ethnicity and sub-ethnicity. (2017/II/7c/20)
- **14.** What is Cultural Revivalism? Give some examples from performing arts, language dissemination and arts and crafts in recent times. **(2017/II/8/20)**
- 15. Comment on the factors behind the changing status of women in urban India. (2016/II/4b/20)
- **16.** Discuss the emerging forms of 'inequalities' and 'acute poverty' as major challenges of social transformation in India. **(2016/II/6b/20)**
- 17. Discuss some of the striking issues of development induced imbalances that need urgent attention. (2017/11/6a/20)
- **18.** What is POSH Act? "Identification of tormentor by women at workplace does not come easily even today." Examine the statement with substantive examples from India. (2019/II/8b/20)
- **19.** Discuss development-induced displacement in the context of tribal uprising in India. Substantiate your answer with any one detailed illustration from India. (2018/II/3b/20)
- 20. Indebtedness is one of the serious issues leading to farmers' suicides. Discuss reasons and suggest solutions. (2017/II/3a/20)
- **21.** Has reduction of green cover affected ecological degradation leading to global warming? Elaborate your answer with illustration. (2019/II/6c10)
- 22. What are the reasons for the escalation of violence against women in the public domain? (2017/II/5a/10)
- **23.** Write short note with a sociological perspective: Feminization of poverty. **(2015/II/1e/10)**
- **24.** Write short note with a sociological Perspective: Effect of displacement through development on the rural landless and marginal farmers. **(2015/II/5c/10)**
- 25. How serious is the problem of trafficking against women and children in India? (2015/II/6c/10)
- **26.** To what extent the Muslim Personal Law Board is in agreement with Islamic feminist agenda? **(2015/II/7c/10)**
- **27.** Write short notes with a sociological perspective on the following in about 150 words: Domestic Violence Act, 2005. **(2014/II/5b/10)**
- **28.** Write short notes with a sociological perspective on the following in about 150 words Rural landless labourers and development induced displacement. **(2014/II/5e/10)**