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# Sociology

**Mains**



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**Question Paper**

**2014**

## Paper 1

### Section A

**1. Write short answer of the following in about 150 words each:**

- (a) How is objectivity different from value neutrality? Discuss with reference to Weber's views on methodology.
- (b) How did the emergence of industrial society change the family life in Western Europe?
- (c) How is sociological approach to human action different from that of psychological approach?
- (d) In what way biographies could be used to study social life?
- (e) How can we use reference group theory to understand fashion in society?

#### **Question 2.**

- (a) Which research technique would be most suitable for the study of consumer behavior and its social correlates? Explain.
- (b) Identify the similarities and differences between Marx's theory of 'alienation' and Durkheim's theory of 'anomie'.
- (c) How could one use Merton's concept of deviance to understand the traffic problem in urban India?

#### **Question 3.**

- (a) What do you understand by gender? How does it shape 'male' identity?
- (b) "According to Max Weber, 'class' and 'status' are two different dimensions of power". Discuss.
- (c) Using Merton's concepts of 'manifest' and 'latent' functions, explain the persistence of corruption in Indian society.

#### **Question 4.**

- (a) How does Weber use the notion of 'ideal types' in his theory of bureaucracy?
- (b) In what way 'interpretative' method is different from 'positivist' approach in the study of social phenomena?
- (c) Using Mead's theory of symbolic interactions, discuss the stages in the formation of gender identity.

### SECTION-B

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

- (a) For Marx, class divisions are outcomes of 'exploitation'. Discuss.
- (b) What are the distinctive features of social organization of work in slave society? How is it different from feudal society?
- (c) Discuss T. H. Marshall's views on citizenship.
- (d) Distinguish between Political Parties and Pressure Groups.

(e) “According to Durkheim, the essence of religion in modern society is the same as religion in primitive society”. Comment.

**Question 6.**

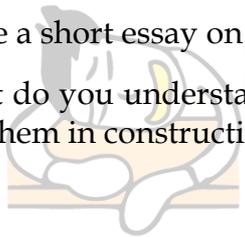
- (a) “Power is not a zero-sum game.” Discuss with reference to Weber’s and Parsons’ views.
- (b) Critically examine the functionalist views on the institution of family. How do those-help us in understanding family in the present times?
- (c) What do you understand by institutionalization of ‘live-in relationship’?

**Question 7.**

- (a) How is religious revivalism different from communalism? Elaborate with suitable examples from the Indian context.
- (b) Education is often viewed as an agency of social change. However, in reality it could also reinforce inequalities and conservatism. Discuss.
- (c) According to Marx, capitalism transforms even the personal relationships between men and women. Critically examine with illustrations from the contemporary Indian context.

**Question 8.**

- (a) How is the increasing use of technology changing the status of women in Indian society?
- (b) Write a short essay on the Latin American perspective on ‘dependency’.
- (c) What do you understand by social movement? How has the mobilization by Scheduled Castes helped them in constructing a new identity?



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## Paper 2

### SECTION A

**Question 1. write short notes with a sociological perspective on the following in about**

- (a) Gandhi's efforts on communal harmony
- (b) Modernization of Indian traditions
- (c) Types of kinship systems in India
- (d) Features of caste system
- (e) G. S. Ghurye's Indological approach to understand society in India.

**Question 2.**

- (a) Analyse the different views on integration and autonomy of tribes in India.
- (b) Discuss the social background of Indian nationalism.
- (c) Define Patriarchy. How does it impact the overall entitlement of girl child in India?

**Question 3.**

- (a) Give a sociological analysis of the problems of migrant urban poor.
- (b) Discuss the problems of religious minorities in India.
- (c) Write some of the important social reforms in India for the removal of untouchability.

**Question 4.**

- (a) Discuss the status of women among the emerging urban middle class.
- (b) Describe the impact of land reforms on the peasants of Indian society.
- (c) What is the idea of 'Indian village' Explain.

### SECTION B

**Question 5. Write short notes with a sociological perspective on the following in about 150 words each:**

- (a) Trends of Infant Mortality Rate among Females
- (b) Domestic Violence Act, 2005
- (c) Dynamics of Contemporary Dalit movements
- (d) Impact of privatization on educational disparities
- (e) Rural landless labourers and development induced displacement

**Question 6.**

- (a) What are the main features of the second wave of Women's movement in the Indian context?
- (b) Discuss the 'Chipko movement' as an example of eco-feminism.

(c) Discuss the impact of globalization on the workers in the Informal sector.

**Question 7.**

(a) What are the demographic projections for the ageing population (60+) for the next decade? What are the implications for formulating policy for them?

(b) What are the possible underlying causes of the spurt of increased violence against women in public spaces in the last decade?

(c) How do caste and class come together in creating the category of extreme poor?

**Question 8.**

(a) 'Many caste conflicts are between castes which are close to each other on the hierarchical scale.' Give a sociological explanation for this phenomenon.

(b) 'Tribal conflicts based on ethnic differences often camouflage a struggle for political and economic advantage.' Substantiate with examples.

(c) Who are the elites? Discuss their roles in bringing social transformation.



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## Paper - 2

### Section A

**Question 1. Write short notes with sociological perspective on the following in not more than 150 words each:-  $10 \times 5 = 50$**

- (a) Andre Beteille's definition of class. 10
- (b) M.N. Srinivas's concept of westernisation. 10
- (c) Satya Sodhak movement of Mahatma Jyotiba Phule. 10
- (d) Classes in agrarian society in India. 10
- (e) Other Backward Classes. 10

**Question 2. Answer the following questions in not more than 200 words each:  $20 + 20 + 10 = 50$**

- (a) What are the features that distinguish tribes from the rest of the population? 20
- (b) Write a note on ethnicity and integration in the context of tribes. 20
- (c) How does the new Forest Act affect tribals? 10

**Question 3. Answer the following questions in not more than 200 words each: -  $20+20+10=50$**

- (a) What are the main features of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar's views on annihilation of caste? 20
- (b) Critically evaluate Louis Dumont's Homo Hierarchicus. 20
- (c) What are the features of M.N. Srinivas' concept of dominant caste? How effective is it in understanding today's reality? 10

**Question 4. Answer the following questions in not more than 200 words each:  $20 + 15 + 15 = 50$**

- (a) Distinguish between formal and informal sectors in India. 20
- (b) Examine the influence of industrialization on caste. 15
- (c) Discuss the salient features of Indian middle class. 15

### Section B

**Question 5. Write notes on the following. Your answer should have a sociological perspective. (Maximum length of answers: 100 words each):-  $10 \times 5 = 50$**

- (a) Five year Plans. 10
- (b) Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme. 10
- (c) Green Revolution.
- (d) Child Labour
- (e) Sex Ratio

**Question 6. Answer the following question in not more than 200 words each: - 20 + 15 + 15 = 50**

- (a) Bring out the main features of farmers' movement in Modern India. 20
- (b) Discuss the sociological aspects of movements for separate States. 15
- (c) Explain the inter-linkages between poverty, deprivation and inequality. 15

**Question 7. Answer the following question in not more than 200 words each: - 20 + 15 + 15 = 50**

- (a) Write an analytical note on slums in cities. 15
- (b) Discuss the problems of working women in India. 20
- (c) What are main causes of female mortality in India? 15

**Question 8. Answer the following question in not more than 200 words each: - 20 + 15 + 15 = 50**

- (a) Analyse the role of communalism in undermining democracy in India. 15
- (b) What is the Dalit Movement? Examine the issues highlighted by it. 20
- (c) Discuss the salient features of right to education. 15



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