



Sleepy Classes
Awakening Toppers

Sociology

Mains

 **Question Paper**

2019

Paper 1

Section A

Question 1. Answer the following question in about 150 Words each: 10x5=50

- (a) Discuss the historical antecedents of the emergence of Sociology as a discipline. 10 Marks
- (b) Davis and Moore made it clear that social stratification is a functional necessity and also an unconscious device. Discuss. 10 Marks
- (c) What is the Marxist concept of 'fetishism of commodities'? 10 Marks
- (d) Present a sociological review on the 'new middle class'. 10 Marks
- (e) Explain the probability sampling strategies with examples. 10 Marks

Question 2.

- (a) According to Mead, "We play a key role in our own socialization." 20 Marks
- (b) Bring out the significance of Ethnography in social research. 20 Marks
- (c) What is 'reserve army of labour'? Present the position of feminist scholars on this. 10 Marks

Question 3.

- (a) Discuss the importance of interpretative understanding of social phenomena and explain its limitations. 20 Marks
- (b) Are all world religions patriarchal? Substantiate your answer with examples. 20 Marks
- (c) What, according to Merton, is the difference between 'unanticipated consequences' and 'latent functions'? Give examples to elaborate. 10 Marks

Question 4.

- (a) Modernization presupposes class society; however caste, ethnicity and race are still predominant. Explain. 20 Marks
- (b) Compare and Contrast the contributions of Marx and Weber on social stratification in capitalist society. 20 Marks
- (c) What, according to Irawati Karve, are the Major difference between North Indian and South Indian Kinship systems? 10 Marks

Section B

Question 5. Answer the following question in about 150 Words each: 10x5=50

- (a) Differentiate between 'Life-chances' and 'Life-style' with suitable examples. 10 Marks
- (b) Discuss the issues of access and exclusion in higher education in India. 10 Marks
- (c) What is civil society? Present a note on civil society engagement with science and technology policy in India. 10 Marks
- (d) Critique A.G. Frank's 'development of underdevelopment'. 10 Marks
- (e) How well do you think Tonnie's, Durkheim, Weber and Marx predicted the character of Modern society? Critique. 10 Marks

Question 6.

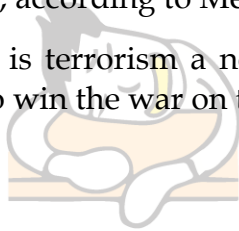
- (a) Why is gender a dimension of social stratification? How does gender intersect other dimensions of inequality based on caste, class, race and ethnicity? 20 Marks
- (b) What are the theoretical models of societal power? Which one of them is most applicable in advanced industrial societies? 20 Marks
- (c) What is affirmative action? Substantiate theoretical positions on affirmative actions with examples. 10 Marks

Question 7.

- (a) What is 'informal labour' ? Discuss the need for and challenges in regulating informal labour in post-industrial society. 20 Marks
- (b) Feminist scholars argue that 'New media' is masculine and hence reinforces structural hierarchies rather than reconfiguring them. Comment. 20 Marks
- (c) Discuss the concept of circulation of elite. 10 Marks

Question 8.

- (a) In the light of judicial intervention on 'Live-in relationships', discuss the future of marriage and family in India. 20 Marks
- (b) How, according to Merton, are deviant subcultures generated? 20 Marks
- (c) How is terrorism a new form of asymmetrical warfare? What are some of the challenges in trying to win the war on terrorism? 10 Marks



Paper 2

Section A

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

- (a) Elaborate Srinivas's views on religion and society among the Coorgs. 10 Marks
- (b) Illustrate the contribution of the Tebhaga Movement to the peasants struggle in India. 10 Marks
- (c) Examine the changing initiatives of the land tenure system in India. 10 Marks
- (d) Write a note on Ghurye's conception of caste in India. 10 Marks
- (e) Comment on the growing assertion of tribal community for autonomy in India. 10 Marks

Question 2.

- (a) Critically examine Dube's contributions to the study of Indian villages. 20 Marks
- (b) What is caste politics? Substantiate your answer with examples of how identities are defined by caste dynamics. 20 Marks
- (c) Do you think that the Indian saints have brought about social reform and awareness in Indian society? Explain. 10 Marks

Question 3.

- (a) What is ethno-nationalism? Examine the critical factors responsible for tribal discontent in India. 20 Marks
- (b) Is industrial development in India a bane or a boon to agrarian class structure? Substantiate your answer with suitable examples. 20 Marks
- (c) Give an account of Ranajit Guha's approach in studying 'subaltern class' 10 Marks

Question 4.

- (a) Define patriarchy. Does it have bearings on women's entitlement in Indian family system? Explain. 20 Marks
- (b) How do you understand the 'minority' question? Examine the violence and discrimination against the religious minorities in India. 20 Marks
- (c) What do you understand by LGBTQ? Comment on the issues concerning their marriage rights. 10 Marks

Section B

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

- (a) Comment on the critical issues of commercialization of higher education in India. 10 Marks
- (b) Discuss the challenges in Implementing the Rural Development Programmes in India. 10 Marks.
- (c) Elaborate urbanism as a way of life in India. 10 Marks

(d) Comment on the changing democratic profile of India. 10 Marks

(e) Elucidate the concerns of growing urban displacement dynamics in India. 10 Marks

Question 6.

(a) Examine the importance of Development Planning in Indian Mixed Economy, and analyze its problems and prospects. 20 Marks

(b) Highlight the main features of the 'Inter-linking of Rivers' project in India. What could be its probable advantages to Indian agriculture? 20 Marks

(c) Has reduction of green cover affected ecological degradation leading to global warming? Elaborate your answer with illustration. 10 Marks

Question 7.

(a) 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? 20 Marks

(b) Discuss the implications of 'Swachha Bharat Abhiyaan'. Do you think that civil society has a role to play here? Substantiate your answer with example. 20 Marks

(c) Do you agree that social movements are caused by opportunity structures that are generated by media? Why? 10 Marks

Question 8.

(a) Why has 'active aging' become a global goal? Do you agree that the role of elderly care-giving is disproportionately gendered in developing countries? Why? 20 Marks

(b) 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. 20 Marks

(c) What is 'social security'? Examine recent security measures adopted by the Government in India. 10 Marks