



Sociology



Question Paper 2022





Paper 1

Section A

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

- a) Delimit the scope of Sociology in relation to other social sciences. 10
- b) How does a researcher achieve objectivity in interpretative research? 10
- c) The difference between information and data in social science is subtle. Comment.
- d) Durkheim argued that society is more than the sum of individual acts. Discuss
- e) How do sociologists construct gender in their analysis on social inequality? 10

Question 2.

- a) What aspects of Enlightenment do you think paved way for the emergence of sociology? Elaborate.
- b) Explain the different types of non-probability sampling techniques. Bring out the conditions of their usage with appropriate examples. 20
- c) Discuss social mobility in open and closed system. 10

Question 3.

- a) What are the shortfalls of positivist philosophy that gave rise to the non-positivist methods of studying social reality? 20
- b) Critically examine how Durkheim and Merton explicate Anomie. 20
- c) Suggest measures to minimize the influence of the researcher in the process of collecting data through focus group discussion.

Question 4.

- a) What characterizes degradation of work in capitalist society according to Marx?
- b) Social stratification is claimed to contribute to the maintenance of social order and stability in society. Critically assess.
- c) What is reliability? Explain the different tests available to social science researcher to establish reliability. 10

Section B

Question 5. Write short answers of the following questions in about 150 words each:

- a) Critically examine the relevance of Durkheim's views on religion in contemporary society. 10
- b) Discuss various theoretical perspectives on the family. 10
- c) Explain the implications of feminization of work in the developing societies. 10
- d) Write a note on global trends of secularization. 10
- e) Trace the trajectory of development perspectives on social change. 10

Question 6.

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a) According to Mead the idea of self develops when the individual becomes self-conscious. Explain. 20





- b) Analyse the nature of transition from ideology to identity politics India.20
- c) How do little tradition and great tradition coexist in contemporary Indian society? 10 **Question 7**.
- a) Critically analyse Parsons views on society as a social system.
- b) Discuss how 'environmentalism' can be explained with new social movements approach. 20
- c) Illustrate with examples the role of pressure groups in the formulation of social policies, 10 **Question 8.**
- a) Sociologists argue for democratization of science and technology for inclusive development. Comment. 20
- b) Are traditional social institutions getting weakened as agents of social change in the contemporary society? Substantiate. 20
- c) How do you understand the relationship between patriarchy and social development? 10







Paper 2

Section A

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

- a) Elaborate on M.N. Srinivas's structural-functionalist approach to the study of Indian society.
- b) Do you agree that the agrarian class structure in India is changing? Justify your answer with illustrations.
- c) Elucidate the challenges of integration for tribal communities in India.
- d) In the context of the changing Indian society, how do you view Andre Beteille's conceptions of harmonic and disharmonic social structures?
- e) Explain Leela Dube's concept of "Seed and Earth",

Question 2.

- a) Critically examine G.S. Ghurye's Indological approach to the understanding of Indian society.
- b) Elaborate on the changing nature of caste system with suitable illustrations.
- c) Discuss the problems of religious minorities in India and suggest measures to solve them. 10

Question 3.

- a) Critically examine Yogendra Singh's thesis on 'Modernisation of Indian Tradition'.
- b) Discuss the material basis of patriarchy as an ideological system.
- c) Explain different forms of untouchability in India.

Question 4.

- a) Examine the social background of growth of Indian nationalism.
- b) Explain how land reforms brought about desired agrarian transformation.
- c) Discuss the challenges during village studies in India.

Section B

Question 5. Write short answers, with a sociological perspective, on the following questions in about 150 words each: 10x5=50

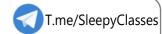
- a) Discuss law as an important instrument for women's empowerment. 10
- b) Examine different understandings of secularisation in India.
- c) How do you view the growth of informal sector in India? 10
- d) Discuss the role of pressure groups in strengthening democracy.
- e) What role do co-operatives play in poverty alleviation in rural India?

Question 6.

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- a) Examine whether rural bondage still continues to be a social reality. Give your argument. 20
- b) Define ethnicity. Discuss the factors responsible for the growth of ethnic movements in India. 20





c) Discuss the changing nature of structure of political elites. 10

Question 7.

- a) "Instead of promoting equality in society, the present system of education itself has contributed to increased socio-economic disparities." Comment. 20
- b) Discuss recent trends in the structure of migration. 20
- c) Discuss different forms of deprivation associated with slums. 10

Question 8.

- a) Bring out the various issues involved in Dalit movements in India. 20
- b) Critically examine environment the dialectics between 'development and environment. 20
- c) Discuss the changing nature of Industrial working class. 10

