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# Sociology

**Mains**



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**Question Paper**

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## Paper 1

### Section A

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

- What is the distinctiveness of the feminist method of Social research. Comment.
- Discuss the relationship between sociology and political science.
- How does the dramaturgical perspective enable our understanding of everyday life?
- Is reference group theory a universally applicable model? Elucidate.
- Do you think that the boundary line between ethnicity and race is blurred? Justify your answer.

**Question 2.**

- What, according to Robert Michels, is the iron law of oligarchy? Do lions and foxes in Vilfredo Pareto's theory, essentially differ from each other? Substantiate.
- What is historical materialism? Examine its relevance in understanding contemporary societies.
- What are variables? How do they facilitate research?

**Question 3.**

- What are the characteristics of scientific method? Do you think that scientific method in conducting sociological research is foolproof? Elaborate.
- How do you assess the changing patterns in kinship relations in societies today?
- Is Weber's idea of bureaucracy a product of the historical experiences of Europe? Comment.

**Question 4.**

- Do you think that common sense is the starting point of social research? What are its advantages and limitations? Explain.
- How is poverty a form of social exclusion? Illustrate in this connection the different dimensions of poverty and social exclusion.
- Highlight the differences and similarities between totemism and animism.

### Section B

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

- Examine the relevance of corporate social responsibility in a world marked by increasing environmental crises.
- How is civil society used in deepening the roots of democracy?
- What functions does religion perform in a pluralistic society?
- Analyze critically David Morgan's views on family practices.
- Does women's education help to eradicate patriarchal discriminations? Reflect with illustrations.

**Question 6.**

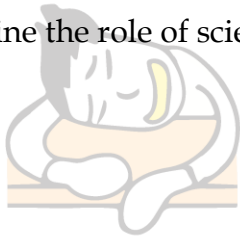
- a) What are the different dimensions of qualitative method? Do you think that qualitative methods help to gain a deeper sociological insight? Give reasons for your answer.
- b) Explain Max Weber's theory of social stratification. How does Weber's idea of class differ from that of Marx?
- c) What are the ethical issues that a researcher faces in making use of participant observation as a method of collecting data? Explain.

**Question 7.**

- a) Explain how economic globalization has brought changes in the patterns of employment in the 21st century.
- b) Do you think that the social media has brought significant changes in the forms of protest? Argue your case.
- c) Assess critically A. G. Frank's theory of development of underdevelopment.

**Question 8.**

- a) What is Taylorism? Analyze its merits and demerits.
- b) What are new religious movements? Elaborate emphasizing their forms and orientations.
- c) Examine the role of science and technology in addressing age-old taboos and superstitions.



## Paper 2

### 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 the 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 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:**

- Citing some case studies, expand the concept of 'Development-induced Displacement'.
- Examine the concept of 'Cultural Pluralism' in the context of India's Unity in Diversity.
- Highlight the salient features of the New Education Policy (NEP) 2020.
- 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.