



Sleepy Classes
Awakening Toppers

Sociology

Mains

 **Question Paper**

2024

Paper 1

Section A

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

- Discuss the nature of sociology. Highlight its relationship with social anthropology. (10 Marks)
- Analyse the changing nature of caste as a status group. (10 Marks)
- Marriage as an institution has undergone a radical transformation from 'ritual' to 'commercial' in its outlook. Explain the factors behind this change. (10 Marks)
- Democracy needs a vibrant culture of civil society in order to strengthen its foundation of citizenship. Comment. (10 Marks)
- What are the 'basic and irreducible' functions of the family as proposed by Talcott Parsons? Explain. (10 Marks)

Question 2.

- Sociology is the product of European enlightenment and renaissance. Critically examine this statement. (20 Marks)
- Do you think 'objectivity' is an over-hyped idea in sociological research? Discuss the merits and demerits of non-positivist methods. (20 Marks)
- What is social mobility? Critically examine the classification of 'closed' and 'open' models of social stratification. (10 Marks)

Question 3.

- How do you view and assess the increasing trend of digital ethnography and use of visual culture in sociological research? (20 Marks)
- Describe the main idea of Max Weber's book, 'The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism' as a critique of Marxism. (20 Marks)
- Critically explain the salient features of 'alienation' as propounded by Karl Marx. (10 Marks)

Question 4.

- What do you understand by 'Mixed method'? Discuss its strengths and limitations in Social research. (20 Marks)
- Define the concept of 'gig' economy and discuss its impact on labour market and workers social security net. (20 Marks)
- Critically assess the impact of technological advancement and automation on the nature of work and employment. (10 Marks)

Section B

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

- a) Describe various characteristics of a 'social fact'. How is rate of suicide a social fact according to Durkheim? (10 Marks)
- b) Explain G.H. Mead's idea of development of 'self' through the 'generalised other'. (10 Marks)
- c) Describe the differing principles of work organization in feudal and capitalist societies. (10 Marks)
- d) How is 'power' different from 'authority'? Discuss various types of authorities as theorized by Max Weber. (10 Marks)
- e) Critically examine the roles of science and technology in social change. What is your opinion on their increasing trend in 'online' education and teaching? (10 Marks)

Question 6.

- a) Underline the role of social media in contemporary social movements and describe its challenges. (10 Marks)
- b) How does a multicultural society accommodate diversities of all kinds- ethnic, linguistic and religious? Discuss its major challenges. (10 Marks)
- c) Discuss the concept of animism and differentiate it from naturism. (10 Marks)

Question 7.

- a) Do modernization and secularization necessarily go together? Give your views. (20 Marks)
- b) How do you understand the phenomena of the mushrooming of sects and cults in contemporary society? Discuss the factors responsible for the trend. (10 Marks)
- c) Discuss the dimensions of power the construction and maintenance of social hierarchies in a society. (10 Marks)

Question 8.

- a) Modern families have not just become nuclear and neo-local, but also filiocentric. How do you explain this trend? (20 Marks)
- b) Discuss various theories of social change. Explain the limitations of unilinear theory of social change. (10 Marks)
- c) Critically examine the World-Systems theory Of Immanuel Wallerstein in terms of development and dependency of various nations. (10 Marks)