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Instructions to the candidate:

- There are 5 Questions.
- All Questions are Compulsory.
- You should download the question-and-answer booklet, take its print-out, attempt the questions and then scan the same using various mobile apps like Cam Scanner etc. on your mobile, Convert the file using these apps to PDF and upload.
- You will be able to upload the file from where you had downloaded the question-and-answer booklet.
- In case you face any difficulties, you can write to us at sleepy.classes@gmail.com.
- Those candidates who are not writing on the printed booklet are to leave margins on their answer sheet for comments.
- The above-said candidates are to then make their own evaluation sheet in the format stated below to be uploaded with the answer.
- Compulsory to name your PDF file in the following format (Student Complete Name_Test Number) e.g.: (Kriti Rathor_Mains Test-5)

Comments for the purpose of evaluation of Answer Writing:

Relevance to the question	should frame content/argument acc. to demand of Q.
Structure of Answer	headings properly framed.
Content	try to write diverse aspects for addressing key demand of Q.
Presentation (Neatness, charts, diagrams as required)	- handwriting should be easily legible.



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Sociology Mains Test Series

Test - 4 (Chapter 7,8 & 9)

Question 1. Critically analyze the functionalist perspectives on the institution of family. How do these perspectives assist in understanding the family in contemporary society? (10 Marks)

Question 2. Highlight the differences and similarities between totemism and animism. (10 Marks)

Question 3. Are social movements traditional in their methods but progressive in their goals? Explain. (10 Marks)

Question 4. Do you think Vilfredo Pareto's theory of the Circulation of Elites is relevant in modern societies? Critically examine. (10 Marks)

Question 5. Evaluate, how caste ideology has contributed to the strengthening of democracy? (10 Marks)

(All the Questions shall be answered in not more than 150 words)

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Question 1. Critically analyze the functionalist perspectives on the institution of family. How do these perspectives assist in understanding the family in contemporary society? (10 Marks)

G.P. Murdock defines family as a group of people (members) residing in common place with consanguinal or affinal relationship. He studied 250 societies & found out that family institution is universal in nature.

Functional perspectives of institution of family

- ① Durkheim provides that family promotes social stability, cohesiveness in the society
- ② Talcott Parsons said that family provides 2 functions
 - (a) Socialization of children
 - (b) Stabilization of Adult personalities
- ③ Ronald Fletcher talks about Multifunctional families
- ④ G.P. Murdock - Economic Cooperation, Reproduction Control, Regulating sexual relation & socializing children



⑤ family also performs to provide individual physical, emotional, economic security.

To briefly it provides new members & socializing children.

Criticisms

- + David Cooper in his 'Death of family' identifies dysfunctional characteristics of children due to family id.
 - Overconformity, status quo, gender roles.
 - produces psychological disorders (C.D. etc.)
 - emotional stress - Edmund Leach (A changing world)
- perfectly correct argument given by thinker.*

Understanding Conformity - Social families

- ① changing role & nature of family - Nuclear, Single, Same sex, Reconstituted marriage, two-in
 - ② Importance of Achieved status (William Goode)
 - ③ Understanding evolution of family & its role of dysfunctions
- family institution is dynamic & its changing & evolving continuously but the root of family values are still intact due to its shared nature.

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Question 2. Highlight the differences and similarities between totemism and animism. (10 Marks)

Durkheim in his study of Totemism (Australian aboriginals) identified it as an Material representation of non-material forces. Here I have defined and introduced the concept.

E B Tylor has proposed the idea of Animism which means soul present & belief in Spirit.

Similarities b/w Totemism & Animism

- ① Both represents Supernatural things
- ② Both helps in connecting human beings to higher energy (i.e. god)
- ③ Earlier societies were identified as following Totemism & Animism as they are relatively simpler in form.
- ④ belief in Spiritual being -



Differences

- ↳ Totemism is an material representation as totem whereas in Animism the focus was more on soul.

Spencer propounded Dream theory

- ↳ Durkheim, Malinowski provided practical context of totemism form of religion.
E B Tylor, Spencer talks about Animism.
- write differences in context of concept*

- ↳ Malinowski in his study of Fisherman Village talks about fear of sea

R R Marret studied Mana theory which provided Animations (Impersonal force)

Hence, both totemism & Animism helped sociologists to understand the evolution of complex religion existed today. & also used as an data for building another theory on Religion.

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Question 3. Are social movements traditional in their methods but progressive in their goals? Explain. (10 Marks)

Social Movement ^(SM) refers to those collective actions which transformed into some formal organization & institutionalized to become a social movement.

Anthony Giddens - 'collective attempt to further a common interest or goal through action outside the established institutions'.

Social Movement (SM) traditional in Methods

- ↳ Mass mobilization through common cause like political empowerment, relative deprivation etc
- ↳ Putting pressure on govt. through protest, agitation, strike etc

- ↳ Ideology of SM
 - Marxist
 - Gandhian
 - Anti state

→ here dis curs have traditional methods all used in social movements, accordingly write arguments.



SM progressive in their goal

↳ Anthony Giddens - 4 dimensions of ~~SM~~ Modernity

- Capitalism (priv. ownership)
- Industrialization (mass production)
- Surveillance (supervision of activities)
- Military power (control of means of violence)

influences social movement which generates
labour, ecological, free speech (democratic) &
peace social movement.

↳ Environment movement talks about future
sustainability (intergenerational equity)

↳ Against pollution, fossil fuel, etc.

↳ promoting human rights & particularly
depressed classes (women, Blacks in USA,
Depressed Castes in India) for inclusive growth.

would not clear.

SM has transformed to become more
opportunistic in making the world a better
place which guided the transnational NGOs
& Companies - e.g. Greenpeace, IETA

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Question 4. Do you think Vilfredo Pareto's theory of the Circulation of Elites is relevant in modern societies? Critically examine. (10 Marks)

Vilfredo Pareto gave theory of Circulation of Elite in which he talks about different elites (Lions & foxes) which keeps circulating in search of attaining power in the society.

Pareto's Circulation of Elite

- ↳ Elite have certain characteristics - strongest, energetic & capable to decide for good & evil.
- ↳ Occupy higher stratum. Economic (wealthy), Political (Ruler), Ethical (virtuous) etc.
- ↳ Two classes exists governing (ministers) & Non Governing elites
- ↳ Elites divided into
 - Lions - conservative, revolve of persistence belief in ideology
 - Foxes - Cunning, Materialistic goal.
- ↳ Society degenerates if elite position occupy through accretion



Relevance in Modern Societies

↳ Globalization & Rise of Multinational Companies

look defect
same
aspect

O'Henry's Banana Republic (Cabbage & Kings)

controlling countries economy & polity

↳ changing character of elites as major
Corporates controlling everything in a country.

(Media houses, political funding etc)

↳ Gender imbalance is reducing.

• Many leaders (President or PM) coming as

Female

how Pareto's concept is related, write clearly.

↳ Rule of Online Media & Social Media in
shaping discussion. eg Cambridge Analytica case

Despite its visibility in Modern societies, the
theory still questioned based on Robert Dahl's
'who governs' in which he talks about power
dispersion - Also Pareto said that in democracy
there is a 'deposit of power' which can be
taken away in elections.

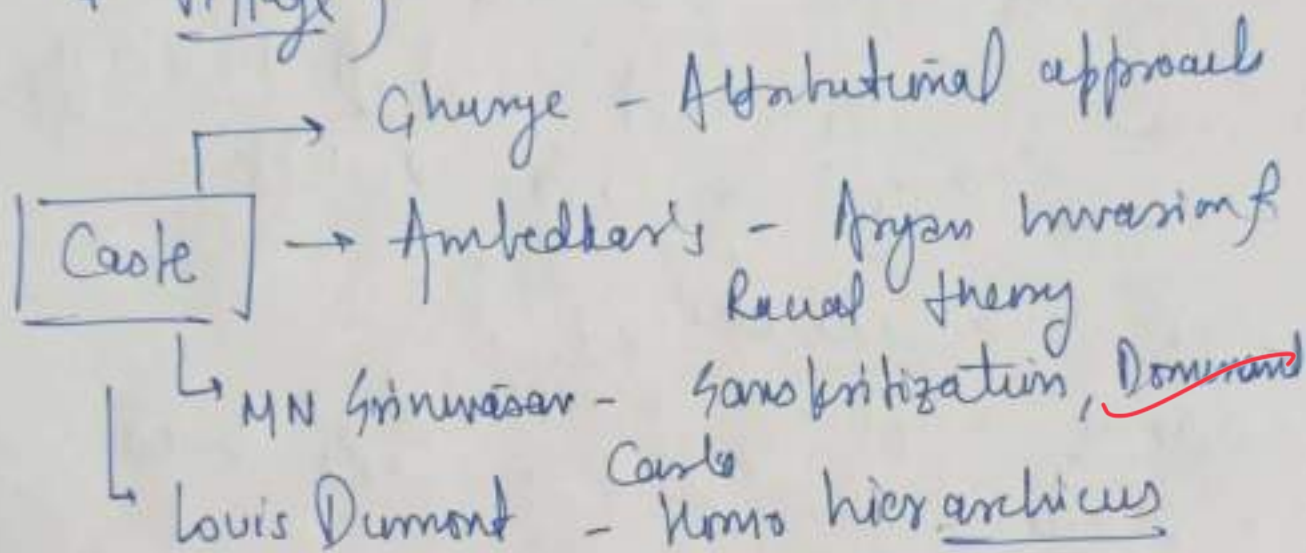
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Question 5. Evaluate, how caste ideology has contributed to the strengthening of democracy? (10 Marks)

According to David Mandelbaum Caste is one of the 3 distinct characteristics of Indian Society. (other two were ~~Joint family~~ & Village)



Contributed in strengthening Democracy

→ Political participation increased due to Collective Identity & awareness campaign for a particular Common Cause.
eg Reservation issues, Affirmative discrimination
Against Violence

→ write arguments acc. to keywords given in
(Q) here, focus on relation b/w democracy & caste ideology.



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- ↳ Multiple Viewpoints through different caste groups - eg Dominant caste groups (Kajpats) making their voice against reservation
- ↳ Dalit frustration & making of subaltern studies most popular. how related to democracy -
- ↳ Gandhi ji talks about spiritual democracy which is fuelled by Caste identities.

Issues with Caste Ideology

- ↳ Narrow conception of Democracy
- ↳ Divide Nation based on Caste lines
- ↳ impact Meritocracy
- ↳ hurt Nationalistic sentiments & unity of the people

Despite the Caste Ideology, as Robert Michels talks about Iron Law of oligarchy & Sachidanand in Dalit Elite, Badger's Trivial elite, the power & ideology constructs still remains with only few in the society which impacts true value of Democracy.