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A. Introducing Indian Society

(I) Perspectives On the Study of Indian Society:

1. Bring out the debates of 'insiders' and 'outsiders' approaches in understanding Indian society. (2026/II/5e/10)
2. Compare G. S. Ghurye's and A. R. Desai's approaches used in understanding Indian society. (2026/II/4b/20)
3. How does A. R. Desai argue that Indian social classes must be studied through the colonial mode of production? Elucidate. (2026/II/2c/10)
4. Indological approach, advocated by G. S. Ghurye, focuses on the study of Indian society through Indian texts. How can Indological approach be useful in the study of other society? Comment in detail. (2026/II/2a/20)
5. In what respect is M. N. Srinivas' study of Indian village society based on structural and functional perspective? Analyse. (2026/II/1a/10)
6. Bring out various factors responsible for declining of village industries in India. (2025/II/5b/10)
7. How would you appropriate to characterise G. S. Ghurye as a practitioner of 'theoretical pluralism'? (2025/II/1e/10)
8. Textual perspective is important in understanding of Indian Social System. Discuss. (2025/II/1a/10)
9. Differentiate between 'Western' and 'Indological' perspectives on the study of Indian society. Bring out the major aspects of G. S. Ghurye's contribution to 'Indological' approach. (2024/II/2a/20)
10. Highlight the significant features of A.R Desai's 'Dialectical Perspective' to study Indian Society. (2023/II/1a/10)
11. Elaborate on M.N. Srinivas's structural-functionalist approach to the study of Indian society (2022/II/1a/10)
12. Critically examine G.S. Ghurye's Indological approach to the understanding of Indian society. (2022/II/2a/20)
13. Critically examine Yogendra Singh's thesis on 'Modernisation of Indian Tradition'. (2022 II/3a/20)
14. Examine the social background of growth of Indian nationalism. (2022/4a/II/20)
15. Discuss Marxist approach to the analysis of Indian nationalism. (2015/II/4a/20)
16. Analyze A.R. Desai's views on India's path of development. (2018/II/2a/20)
17. Elaborate A. R. Desai's perspective to the study of Indian society. (2020/II/1a/10)
18. Elaborate Srinivas's views on religion and society among the Coorgs. (2019/II/1a/10)
19. Give an account of Ranajit Guha's approach in studying 'subaltern class'. (2019/II/3c/10)

20. Write a note on G.S. Ghurye's Indological perspective of understanding Indian society. (2018/II/1a/10)
21. Write a critique of the structural and functional perspective used by M.N. Srinivas in the understanding of Indian society. (2017/II/1a/10)
22. Write short notes with a sociological perspective: Salient Features of A.R. Desai's Marxist Sociology (2016/II/1a/10)
23. Write short notes with a sociological perspective on the following in 150 words: G.S. Ghurye's Indological approach to understand society in India. (2014/II/1a/10)
24. Write short note with a sociological perspective: M.N. Srinivas's concept of westernisation.(150 words) (2013/II/1b/10)

(II) Impact of Colonial Rule on Indian Society:

1. How has colonial rule transformed Indian society? If it (Indian society) had not undergone colonial rule, then what type of Indian society would have been there? Elaborate. (2026/II/8a/20)
2. Differentiate between protests and movements. Discuss some of those movements which changed the fabric of Indian agrarian society during the colonial period. (2026/II/6a/20)
3. Examine how Indian Nationalism was a result of 'Akhand Bharat'/Indian Subcontinent's socio-cultural and political consciousness. (2026/II/2b/20)
4. According to you, which social reform had long-lasting impact on a specific section of society? Support your answer with suitable example. (2026/II/1b/10)
5. Do you think that in a society like India orthogenetic changes take place through differentiation? Do you observe continuities in the orthogenetic process? Elaborate your answer with suitable examples. (2025/II/2a/20)
6. According to you, which social reform movement has played the most effective role in modernizing Indian women? Explain. (2025/II/1c/10)
7. Justify that the Indian traditions are modernizing. Also discuss its contributing factors. (2025/II/1b/10)
8. Highlight the major contributions of the reform movements in pre-independent India. (2024/II/8a/20)
9. Colonial administrators helped to construct the very traditionalism which marked the Indian society as 'backward'. Comment critically. (2020/II/8a/20)
10. Examine sociological dynamics of Champaran Peasant Movement in colonial India. (2018/II/2b/20)
11. The main objectives of socio-religious movements during the colonial rule in India were reforming and synthesizing Hinduism. Write on any two such important movements. (2017/II/2a/20)
12. Discuss Yogendra Singh's thesis on Modernisation of Indian Tradition, and evaluate its applicability in the present-day context. (2017/II/2b/20)
13. Discuss the paradigm of modernization of Indian tradition in analysing social change in India. (2015/II/3a/20)

14. Analyze Gandhi as a moralist, ascetic and man of action through his Hind Swaraj. (2015/II/8a/20)
15. Discuss the social background of Indian nationalism. (2014/II/2b/20)
16. Discuss in detail the major contribution of Prof. Yogendra Singh in theorizing India's modernization. (2021/II/3a/20)
17. Write short notes with a sociological perspective on the following in about 150 words: Modernisation of Indian traditions (2014/II/1b/10)
18. Write short notes with a sociological perspective: Anti-Brahmanical movements during the colonial period. (2016/II/1d/10)
19. Banning Practice of 'Sati' is attributed to annihilation of a major social evil in colonial Indian. "Comment. (2020/II/1b/10)



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B. Social Structure:

(I) Rural And Agrarian Social Structure:

1. When land reform was a paradigm shift, then what type of land reforms would you recommend to make India a more equitable society? (2026/II/3c/20)
2. Examine the challenges of applying micro-level village studies to macro-level village structure of Indian society. (2026/II/3a/20)
3. "The transfer of land from cultivating to the non-cultivating owners is bringing about transformation in Indian society." Justify your answer by giving suitable illustrations. (2025/II/5a/20)
4. Who is said to be the pioneer of village studies in India? Illustratively describe contributions of some Indian sociologists on village studies. How their approaches are different from each other? (2025/II/4a/20)
5. Identify different forms of inequalities associated with agrarian social structure in India. (2024/II/8b/20)
6. 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. (2023/II/2a/10)
7. Discuss the main features of Land Reforms in post-independence India. (2023/II/1e/10)
8. "The decade of 1950 was the golden period of village studies in Indian Sociology." Explain the statement. (2023/II/1b/10)
9. Do you agree that the agrarian class structure in India is changing? Justify your answer with illustrations. (2022/II/1b/10)
10. Discuss the challenges during village studies in India. (2022/II/4c/10)
11. Examine the factors responsible for the rural unrest in contemporary India. 20 (2021/II/3b/20)
12. Discuss the role of Technology in agrarian change in India.10 (2021/II/5e/10)
13. Describe the impact of land reforms on the peasants of Indian society. (2014/II/4b/20)
14. Critically examine Dube's contributions to the study of Indian villages. (2019/II/2a/20)
15. Indian rural society is a faction-ridden society". Discuss. (2020/II/2c/10)
16. Examine the changing initiatives of the land tenure system in India. (2019/II/1c/10)
17. Give a critical analysis of Andre Beteille's study of Tanjore village. (2018/II/1b/10)
18. Write short notes with a sociological perspective: Significance of Village Studies in Indian Sociology. (2016/II/1b/10)
19. Analyse the major components of Land Reform Acts. Show their effectiveness in curbing rural inequality. (2016/II/2c/10)
20. Write short note with a sociological perspective: Jyotirao Phule as an agrarian radical. (2015/II/1b/10)
21. What is the idea of 'Indian village'? Explain. (2014/II/4c/10)
22. Write short note with a sociological perspective: André Bêteille's definition of class. (150 words) (2013/II/1a/10)

II) Caste System:

1. How do Louis Dumont and André Beteille differ in their approaches in understanding caste system in India? Explain. (2026/II/5d/10)
2. What are the different forms of untouchability still practised in India? Discuss with suitable illustrations. (2024/II/4c/10)
3. What, according to you, are the factors responsible for the continuance of caste system in India? Explain. (2024/II/1a/10)
4. Critically examine the concept of Sanskritization with suitable illustrations. (2023/II/3c/10)
5. Contextualize Louis Dumont's concept of 'binary opposition' with reference to caste system in India. (2023/II/3a/20)
6. Are Tradition and Modernity antithetical to each other? Comment. (2023/II/1d/10)
7. In the context of the changing Indian society, how do you view Andre Beteille's conceptions of harmonic and disharmonic social structures? (2022/II/1d/10)
8. Explain different forms of untouchability in India (2022/II/3c/10)
9. Caste System studies in India have been dominated by the "book -view" initially. How did the entry of "field- view" bring about a balance in the study of Indian caste system? Discuss. (2021/II/1a/10)
10. What does Dr. B.R Ambedkar mean by the concept of "Annihilation of Caste"? 10 (2021/II/1b/10)
11. Caste-like formations are present in Non-Hindu religious communities as well. Discuss with examples. (2021/II/1e/10)
12. Is Indian society moving from "hierarchy" towards "differentiation"? Illustrate your answer with suitable examples. (2021/II/2b/20)
13. What are the various forms of untouchability in India? Critically examine. 10 (2021/II/4c/20)
14. What are the main features of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's views on annihilation of caste? (2013/II/3a/20)
15. Critically evaluate Louis Dumont's Homo Hierarchicus. (2013/II/3b/20)
16. Discuss B.R. Ambedkar as a wise democrat. (2015/II/7a/20)
17. Is caste system changing, weakening or disintegrating in India? (2015/II/2a/20)
18. How has BR Ambedkar identified the features of caste system? How is it different from the mainstream treatment of caste features? (2016/II/2a/20)
19. Discuss Andre Beteille's account of the relationship between caste, class and power change from symmetrical to asymmetrical one. (2016 /II/2b/20)
20. What is caste politics? Substantiate your answer with examples of how identities are defined by caste dynamics. (2019 /II/2b/20)
21. What do you understand by discrete castes and muddled hierarchies? (2018/II/3a/20)
22. Has caste system hindered democracy and adult franchise in India? Discuss. (2018/II/7a/20)

23. "Indian caste system is unique and has been unhealthy for the growth of Sociology of India". How far do you agree with this view? (2020/11/2a/20)
24. Discuss Whitehead's contention that caste has the potential to displace class and colonial contradiction. (2020/II/2b/20)
25. Which is more significant, the principle of 'hierarchy' or the principle of 'difference', in inter-caste relations in the present day? (2017/11/1b/10)
26. How have the struggles against untouchability changed their forms and perspectives from Gandhian to Ambedkarite positions? (2017/II/1d/10)
27. What are the changes in the cultural and structural aspects of the caste system since independence? (2017/II/2c/10)
28. Write short note with perspective: Louis Dumont's perspective on the Indian caste system. (2015/II/1c/10)
29. Write short note with a sociological perspective: How far Gandhi was trusted by the untouchables. (2015/II/1d/10)
30. Write short note with a sociological Perspective: How far Srinivas's Sanskritization is modernizing force or traditionalizing force in understanding the changes in caste system? (2015/II/5e/10)
31. Write short notes with a sociological perspective on the following in about 150 words Features of caste system. (2014/II/1a/10)
32. Write some of the important social reforms in India for the removal of untouchability. (2014/II/3c/10)
33. How do caste and class come together in creating the category of extreme poor? (2014/II/7c/10)
34. What are the features of M.N. Srinivas' concept of dominant caste? How effective is it in understanding today's reality? (2013/II/3c/10)
35. How do you justify Dumont's deliberate stress on ideology that produced intellectualized account of Indian society? (2020/II/1c/10)
36. Write a note on Ghurye's conception of caste in India. (2019/II/1d/10)

(iii) Tribal Communities in India:

1. Where would you locate the tribal community in the Varna system of India? Discuss. (2026/II/8c/10)
2. Why was the category of 'criminal tribe' created by law during the colonial period in India? Discuss its implications. (2026/II/6c/10)
3. How did Colonial Policies for the tribes affect their socio-economic conditions in India? Discuss. (2025/II/1d/10)
4. What are the definitional problems involved in identifying tribes in India? Discuss the main obstacles to tribal development in India (2024/II/2b/20)
5. Analyse the perspectives of Isolation, Assimilation and integration in understanding the trajectories of India Tribal Development. (2023/II/4a/20)

6. Do you agree that the agrarian class structure in India is changing? Justify your answer with illustrations. (2022/II/1b/10)
7. Define ethnicity. Discuss the factors responsible for the growth of ethnic movements in India. 20 (2022/II/6b/20)
8. Analyze the different views on integration and autonomy of tribes in India. (2014/II/2a/20)
9. What are the features that distinguish tribes from the rest of the population? (2013/II/2a/20)
10. Write a note on ethnicity and integration in the context of tribes. (2013/II/2b/20)
11. What is ethnonationalism? Examine the critical factors responsible for tribal discontent in India. (2019/II/3a/20)
12. What is the nature of religious change among tribal communities? Illustrate with two examples from colonial and post-independence times. (2017/II/4b/20)
13. Examine the colonial policy of segregation of tribes under the Government of India Act 1935 (2020/II/3a/20)
14. Why have we started using another category of tribes called the Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs)? Why are they so-called? (2017/II/8c/10)
15. Write short notes with a sociological a dominant perspective: 'Isolationism' as feature of colonial tribal policy. (2016/II/1c/10)
16. How is the tribal question related to the issues of integration and autonomy in modern India? (2016/II/4a/20)
17. Write short note with sociological perspective: Verrier Elwin's views on freedom for the tribals. (2015/II/1a/10)
18. Write short note with a sociological perspective: Main Objective of Tribal sub plan (TSP) (2015/II/5b/10)
19. How does the new Forest Act affect tribals? (2013/II/2c/10)
20. Explain the definitional problems concerning the tribal communities in India. (2020/II/1d/10)
21. Comment on the growing assertion of tribal community for autonomy in India. (2019/II/1e/10)

(iv) Social Classes in India:

1. Explain the emergence of middle class in agrarian society in India. What have been the socio-structural implications of the emergence of this middle class? (2026/II/3b/20)
2. "Industrial class structure is a function of social structure of Indian society." Do you agree with this statement? Analyze. (2025/II/4b/20)
3. Agrarian class structure has been undergoing changes due to modern forces. Critically examine. (2025/II/2b/20)
4. What, according to Andre Beteille, are the bases of agrarian class structure in India? Analyse. (2024/II/2c/10)
5. Discuss the changes taking place in the industrial class structure in India. (2024/II/1b/10)

6. Explain the and the implication and the impact of globalization in situating the changing agrarian class structure in India. (2023/II/4b/20)
7. Elaborate the salient features and the role of middle class in India's democracy and development. (2023/II/2b/20)
8. Discuss the salient features of "new middle class" in India. (2021/II/2c/10)
9. How has the New Economic Policy (1991) affected the lifestyle and life -chances of New middle class in India? (2018/II/4a/20)
10. Discuss the status of women among the emerging urban middle class. (2014/II/4a/20)
11. Discuss the salient features of Indian middle class. (2013/II/4c/10)
12. What accounts for the growth and consolidation of middle classes in modern India? Elucidate. (2016/II/4c/10)
13. How does Andra Beteille Justify 'middle class in India? (2020/II/3c/10)
14. Write a note on the changing roles of middle-class women in India. (2018/II/1d/10)
15. Write short note with a sociological perspective: Classes in agrarian society in India. (150 words) (2013/II/1d/10)
16. Write short note with a sociological perspective: Other Backward Classes. (150 words) (2013/II/1e/10)

(v) Systems of Kinship in India:

1. How same sex marriages are responsible for population dynamics in India? Discuss. (2025/II/2c/10)
2. Why is the study of Marriage important in Sociology? Analyse the implications of changing marriage patterns for Indian society. (2024/II/3a/20)
3. Do you think that family bondings are being affected by the changing kinship patterns in India? Comment (2024/II/1d/10)
4. Is patriarchy a key to understanding different forms of inequalities in Indian society? Elaborate. (2024/II/1c/10)
5. Examine the concept of 'Cultural Pluralism' in the context of India's Unity in Diversity. (2023/II/5b/20)
6. Define the concepts of 'Descent' and 'Alliance'. Differentiate between North Indian and South Indian Kinship systems with examples. (2023/II/3b/20)
7. Analyse the role of market and modern forces in understanding the changing trends in marriage systems in India. (2023/II/2c/10)
8. Discuss the material basis of patriarchy as an ideological system. (2022/II/3b/20)
9. What is patriarchy? How does it affect the in-child socialization pattern in India? (2015/II/3b/20)
10. Bring out the significance of the difference between family and household. (2016/II/3a/20)
11. Give some of the important studies relating to the structural changes in the Indian family system. (2015/II/2b/20)

12. Western patriarchy which surrenders feminine principles is the new development project in India. Do you agree with this view? Why? (2018/II/8b/20)
13. Clarify the distinction between 'household' and 'family' and evaluate whether joint families have completely disintegrated. (2017/II/3b/20)
14. Discuss the conceptual issues about lineage and descent in India. Give suitable illustrations. (2020/II/4a/20)
15. Analyze household dimensions of family in India. (2020/II/4b/20)
16. Define patriarchy. Does it have bearings on women's entitlement in Indian family system? Explain. (2019/II/4a/20)
17. What do you understand by LGBTQ? Comment on the issues concerning their marriage rights. (2019/II/4c/10)
18. Illustrate the importance of 'Kanyadan' and 'Kulabadhu' in changing institutions of marriage and family. (2018/II/3c/10)
19. Discuss the issues relating to the entitlement of transgender in Indian society. (2018/II/4c/10)
20. Compare the North Indian Kinship System with the South Indian Kinship System. (2017/II/3c/10)
21. Write short notes with perspective: Patriarchy as dominance. a sociological form of a (2016/II/1e/10)
22. Broadly compare the kinship system of North and South India. (2015/II/2c/10)
23. Write short notes with a sociological perspective on the following in about 150 words
Types of kinship systems in India (2014/II/1a/10)
24. Define Patriarchy. How does it impact the overall entitlement of a girl child in India? (2014/II/2c/10)

(vi) Religion and Society

1. How does the concept 'secular' go beyond any religion in plural society like India? Analyse. (2026/II/1e/10)
2. Discuss the debates on the concepts 'duty' and 'worship' while understanding religion in India. (2026/II/1d/10)
3. How do religious communities contribute to the cultural diversity of India? (2024/II/4a/20)
4. Discuss the problems of religious minorities in India and suggest measures to solve them. 10 (2022/II/2c/10)
5. Elucidate the concepts of 'majoritarianism' and 'minoritarianism' in accentuating communal tensions in India. (2016/II/3b/20)
6. What are the basic tenets of Hindu religion? Is Hinduism based on monotheism or polytheism? (2015/II/46/20)
7. What are the major concerns of ethnic identity and religious identity in India? (2015/II/6b/20)
8. Discuss the problems of religious minorities in India. (2014/II/3b/20)

9. Write a critical narrative on the concerns of religious minorities in India. (2018/11/4b/20)
10. How do you understand the 'minority' question? Examine the violence and discrimination against the religious minorities in India. (2019/II/4b/20)
11. Write a note on cultural pluralism' in multi - religious society like India. (2020/II/4c/10)
12. Do you think that the Indian saints have brought about social reform and awareness in Indian society? Explain. (2019/II/2c/10)
13. Discuss the growth of religious sects in India. (2018/II/1e/10)
14. Assess the impact of ban on "Triple Talak' on marriage and divorce among the Muslim community in India. (2018/II/8c/10)
15. What are the distinct features of Islam as practised in India, and how have they changed over time? (2017/II/1c/10)



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C. Social Changes in India:

(i) Visions of Social Change In India:

1. How does the Constitution of India promote education? Do you think that education can be a major instrument of social change? Clarify. (2026/II/4a/20)
2. "Educational development is the only Panacea for country's all ills and evils." Critically examine the above statement with reference to NEP-2020. (2025/II/7b/20)
3. In what respects have the constitutional provisions changed the socio-economic and political conditions of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in India? Critically examine. (2025/II/6a/20)
4. Critically examine the relevance of development planning in India. (2024/II/6c/10)
5. Education is a key to social development. Elucidate. (2024/II/3c/10)
6. Do you the constitutional provisions for women have led to their uplift? Give reasons for your answer. (2024/II/3b/20)
7. Highlight the salient features of the New Education Policy (NEP) 2020. (2023/II/5c/10)
8. "Instead of promoting equality in society, the present system of education itself has contributed to increased socio-economic disparities." Comment. 20 (2022/II/7a/20)
9. Examine the importance of Development Planning in Indian Mixed Economy and analyze its problems and prospects. (2019/II/6a/20)
10. 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? (2019/II/7a/20)
11. Discuss the changing dimensions of family structure in urban India. (2021/II/3c/10)
12. Analyse the idea of development planning in India. (2021/II/5a/10)
13. Explain the sociological significance of the New Education Policy and its thrust on vocationalization and skill development. (2021/II/6a/20)
14. Discuss in detail the main issues of development planning in mixed economy like India? (2020/II/6a/20)
15. Discuss the salient features of right to education. (2013/II/8c/10)
16. How does the New Education Policy, 2020 1 aim to eradicate disparities in the system of education in India? (2020/II/5d/10)
17. Comment on the critical issues of commercialization of higher education in India. (2019/II/5a/10)
18. Assess the role of the State in promoting education of girl child. (2018/II/5d/10)
19. Elaborate the concept of constitutional morality as given by B.R. Ambedkar. (2018/II/5a/10)
20. Write Short note with a sociological Perspective: Five-Year Plans. (2013/II/5a/10)
21. Write a note on Education and Equality in India. (2017/II/5b/10)
22. Write short notes with a sociological perspective: Privatization of education and increasing inequalities. (2016/II/5a/10)

23. Write short notes with a sociological perspective: Empowerment through 'Right to Education'. (2016/ II/5d/10)
24. Write short note with a sociological Perspective: Important components of National Education Policy in India. (2015/II/5a/10)
25. Write short notes with a sociological perspective on the following in about 150 words: Impact of privatisation on educational disparities. (2014/II/5d/10)

(ii) Rural and Agrarian Transformation in India:

1. Synchronise the developmental programmes and social change in India and describe them through visible and lived experiences. (2026/II/6b/20)
2. Despite the efforts of the government, bonded labour still continues in India. Discuss. (2024/II/1e/10)
3. Discuss the challenges faced by the cooperative movements in India. Suggest measures to strengthen the movement at the grass-roots level. (2023/II/8b/20)
4. What is 'reverse migration'? Discuss its features, causes and consequences in India. (2023/II/7b/20)
5. Critique the victory narratives of Green Revolution in the context of Indian society. (2023/II/4c/10)
6. Explain how land reforms brought about desired agrarian transformation. (2022/II/4b/20)
7. What role do co-operatives play in poverty alleviation in rural India? (2022/II/5e/10)
8. What are the sociological reasons and implication of "reverse migration" during the recent pandemic in India? (2021/II/4a/20)
9. Comment on the role of co-operatives in rural development. (2021/II/5b/20)
10. Write a note on the uneven impact of 'Green Revolution' on rural society. (2016/II/6a/20)
11. Bring out the impact of the declining significance of the agrarian economy. (2016/II/8a/20)
12. Has 'Green Revolution' led to the formation of new power elite in rural India? Elaborate your answer. (2018/II/6b/20)
13. Highlight the main features of the 'Inter-linking of Rivers' project in India. What could be its probable advantages to Indian agriculture? (2019/II/6b/20)
14. Discuss the dynamics of 'migrant workers' in India in the context of Corona pandemic. (2020/II/3b/20)
15. Do you think MSP (Minimum Support Price) Scheme for agricultural produce can help in rural development? Elaborate your response with suitable examples. (2020/II/6b/20)
16. Write short note with a sociological perspective Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme. (2013/II/5b/10)
17. Discuss the challenges in implementing the Rural Development Programs in India. (2019/II/5b/10)
18. How do the recommendations of Swaminathan Commission (2004-2006) ensure food and nutrition security for the Indian masses? (2018/II/2c/10)

19. Write a short note on 'changing means of production and increased rural poverty.'
(2017/II/1e/10)
20. Write short notes with a sociological perspective: Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme for rural development. 9. (2016/II/5b/10)
21. Write short note with a sociological perspective: Green Revolution (2013/II/5c/10)
22. Point out the benefits of 'green chemistry' for agrarian transformation in India.
(2020/II/5a/10)

(iii) Industrialization and Urbanisation in India:

1. Discuss the trend of urbanization in India. Do you think that Industrialization is the only precondition of urbanization? Give your arguments. (2025/II/6b/20)
2. Do you think that law has been able to abolish child labour in India? Comment.
(2025/II/5e/10)
3. What are the major problems faced by the labour migrants while working in informal sectors of Indian States? Discuss. (2025/II/5d/10)
4. What are the major problems faced by the labour migrants while working in informal sectors of Indian States? Discuss. (2025/II/3c/10)
5. Describe the main features of Indian new middle class. How is it different from the old middle class? (2025/II/3c/10)
6. Do you think that the new economic reforms of British rule have disrupted the old economic system of India? Substantiate your answer with suitable examples. (2025/II/3b/20)
7. Are slum the manifestations of industrialisation and urbanisation in India? (2024/II/5c/10)
8. Is there a connection between labour migration and informal sector? Justify your answer with reference to Indian context. (2024/II/5b/10)
9. Examine with suitable examples the recent trends in the growth of urban settlements in India. (2024/II/5a/10)
10. Discuss the phenomenon of rural-urban continuum with suitable examples. (2023/II/7c/10)
11. What actionable measures would you suggest to curb the recurrent child labour menace in India? (2023/II/6c/10)
12. Analyse the difference between the attributional and interactional approach in studying the caste system. (2023/II/1c/10)
13. How do you view the growth of informal sector in India? (2022/II/5c/10)
14. Examine whether rural bondage still continues to be a social reality. Give your argument.
20 (2022/II/6a/10)
15. Discuss different forms of deprivation associated with slums. (2022/II/7c/10)
16. Discuss the changing nature of Industrial working class. (2022/II/8c/10)
17. Urban slums are sites of social exclusive -Explain. (2021/II/5c/10)
18. Urban settlement in India tend to replicate its rural caste -kinship imprints. Discuss the main reasons. (2021/II/8b/20)
19. Distinguish between formal and informal sectors in India. (2013/II/4a/20)

20. Human development approach affirms that education and health care growth are more important than economic growth. Discuss this issue in the light of post-liberalized Indian society. (2015/II/8b/20)
21. Give a sociological analysis of the problems of migrant urban poor. (2014/II/3a/20)
22. Examine the impact of heritage tourism urban socio-spatial patterns in India. (2017/1/6b/20)
23. Write a detailed note on the effected growing slums in urban areas. (2016/1/7a/20)
24. Discuss the changing nature of the problems of working class in the informal sector of the economy. (2016/11/7b/20)
25. Examine the impact of industrialization and urbanization on family structure. (2016/II/8b/20)
26. How do you relate the growth of development of metropolis and its impact on the mental and social life of people in India? (2018/II/6a/20)
27. Is industrial development in India a bane or a boon to agrarian class structure? Substantiate your answer with suitable examples. (2019/II/3b/20)
28. Elaborate the causes, consequences and other concerns of growth of urban settlements in India. (2020/II/7a/20)
29. Write an analytical note on slums in cities. (2013/II/7a/15)
30. Examine the influence of industrialization on caste. (2013/II/4b/15)
31. Point out the main causes of 'child labor' in India. How far the State policies have succeeded in its elimination? (2020/II/8c/10)
32. Elaborate urbanism as a way of life in India. (2019/II/5c/10)
33. Elucidate the concerns of growing urban displacement dynamism in India. 5. (2019/II/5e/10)
34. Write a note on Basic Services to Urban Poor (BSUP) and Integrated Housing and Slum Development (IHSD) programs provided for the urban poor. (2018/II/6c/10)
35. Compare the pressing problems of a dalit poor family living in an urban slum with a similar type of family living in a rural setting. (2017/II/4c/10)
36. Do you agree that the issue of child labor raises questions about and beyond the informal sector? Give reasons. (2017/II/5d/10)
37. Write short note with a sociological Perspective: Issues relating to the informal labor market in urban India. (2015/II/5d/10)
38. Discuss the impact of globalization on the workers in the Informal sector. (2014/II/6c/10)
39. Write short note with a sociological perspective Child Labour. (2013/II/5d/10)

(iv) Politics and Society

1. Discuss the social bases of political mobilization in Independent India. Has some change occurred in these during the last 60-70 years? (2025/II/5c/10)
2. What do you mean by nation building? What is the role of religion in nation building? Elaborate your answer. (2025/II/3a/20)

3. What are pressure groups? Discuss their role in decision-making in democracy. (2024/II/8c/10)
4. What do you understand by decentralisation of power? What is its role in strengthening the roots of democracy in India? Elaborate. (2024/II/4b/20)
5. Discuss the changing nature of political elites in India. (2024/II/5d/10)
6. How do you account for the increasing significance of religion in public and personal spheres in the context of secularization thesis in India? Explain. (2023/II/6a/20)
7. Analyse the sociological interconnections between Social Media and Mass Mobilization in India. (2023/II/5d/10)
8. Examine different understandings of secularisation in India (2022/II/5b/10)
9. Bring out the various issues involved in Dalit movements in India. 20 (2022/II/8a/20)
10. Does regionalism essentially lead to decentralization of power? Substantiate your answer with relevant examples. 10 (2021/II/5D/10)
11. Is social democracy a precondition for political democracy? Comment. 10 (2021/II/7c/10)
12. To what extent does nation building depend on strengthening of pluralities in Indian society. (2017/II/7b/20)
13. Elaborate various forms of Dalit assertions in contemporary India? What are its implications on the Indian political system? (2018/II/7b/20)
14. Comment on the changing democratic profile of India. (2019/11/5d/20)
15. Discuss the implications of 'Swachha Bharat Abhiyan'. Do you think that civil society has a role to play here? Substantiate your answer with examples. (2019/11/7b/20)
16. 'Secularism was an outcome of 20th century humanistic radicalism.' Comment on this statement. (2020/II/1e/10)
17. Analyze the issues related to the citizenship in contemporary India. Give suitable illustrations. (2020/II/5b/10)
18. What do you understand by democratic federalism? How does it promote decentralization of power in India? (2020/II/5e/10)
19. Media is the fourth pillar of democracy. Discuss, (2018/II/1c/10)
20. With increase in education and economic development is Indian society becoming more secular? (2018/II/7c/10)
21. Give an account of the problems relating to the "creamy layer". (2017/II/5c/10)
22. Comment on the increasing significance of caste in politics. (2016/II/3c/10)
23. Write short notes with a sociological perspective on the following in about 150 words: Gandhi's efforts on communal harmony (2014/II/1a/10)
24. Who are the elites? Discuss their roles in bringing social transformation. (2014/II/8c/10)

(v) Social Movements in Modern India:

1. How have the women's movements made the presence of women in every moment felt and more women participation in various fields? Discuss. (2026/II/8b/20)
2. Examine the transiting social movements from physical movements to virtual movements in 21st century India. (2026/II/5b/10)
3. In the context of women's movements and laws do you think that matriarchy is the need of the hour? Discuss in detail. (2026/II/1c/10)
4. How Dalit movements in India have facilitated their Identity formation? Analyze. (2025/II/7c/10)
5. Trace the social and historical origins of Dalit movements in modern India. (2024/II/7c/10)
6. What is your assessment about the recent farmers' movement in India? Elaborate. (2024/II/5e/10)
7. Do you think that the decades of Dalit political mobilizations and movements have helped in strengthening India's democracy? Substantiate your arguments with facts. (2023/II/7a/20)
8. In the face of rising global climatic concerns, how do you contextualize the relevance of Chipko Movement and its Gandhian tone? Answer analytically. (2023/II/6b/20)
9. Critically examine environment', the dialectics between 'development and environment. 20 (2022/II/8b/20)
10. Discuss the impact of post - 1970 feminist movement on Indian middle class. (2015/II/6a/20)
11. Despite gains from the women's movement and state policy of women empowerment, gender equality is far from achieved. Identify 2 major challenges that prevent this goal from being reached. (2017/II/7a/20)
12. Discuss the main features of farmers' movements in independent India. (2015/II/7b/20)
13. What are the main features of the second wave of Women's movement in the Indian context? (2014/II/6a/20)
14. Discuss the 'Chipko movement' as an example of eco-feminism. (2014/II/6b/20)
15. What is the Dalit Movement? Examine the issues highlighted by it. (200 words) (2013/II/8b/20)
16. What is identity politics? Discuss the main trends in Dalit movements in India. (2021/II/2a/20)
17. Rising "ethnocentrism" is leading to conflict in our society. Assess this statement with appropriate reasons. (2021/II/7b/20)
18. Bring out the main features of farmers' movements in Modern India. (200 words) (2013/II/6a/20)
19. Evaluate the nature and scope of anthropogenic influence on climate in India and also analyse the environmental movements arising out of it. (2020/II/7b/20)
20. Discuss the sociological aspects of movements for separate States. (200 words) (2013/II/6b/15)

21. Are the contemporary farmers' movements in India changing their course? Discuss. (2020/II/7c/10)
22. Write short notes with a sociological perspective on the following in about 150 words Dynamics of Contemporary Dalit movements. (2014/II/5c/10)
23. Illustrate the contributions of the Tebhaga Movement to the peasant struggle in India. (2019/II/1b/10)
24. Do you agree that social movements are caused by opportunity structures that are generated by media? Why? (2019/II/7c/10)
25. Explain the dynamics of neo-farmers' movement in contemporary India. (2018/II/5c/10)
26. Elaborate the 'Me Too' Movement and its impact in India. (2018/II/5e/10)
27. Write short notes with a sociological perspective: Different forms of Dalit assertion. (2016/II/5c/10)
28. Discuss the various forms of environmental movements started in India. (2016/II/6c/10)
29. Write short note with a sociological perspective Satya Sodhak movement of Mahatma Jyotiba Phule. (150 words) (2013/II/1c/10)

(vi) Population Dynamics:

1. Clarify how the family planning programmes have taken a political 'U'-turn in present India. (2026/II/5c/10)
2. Discuss the challenges faced by the aged people in receiving 'elder care'. (2026/II/5a/10)
3. Draw the current population pyramid of India. What policy measures would you recommend for population dynamics to achieve sustainability? (2026/II/4b/20)
4. What are the major problems faced by the labour migrants while working in informal sectors of Indian States? Discuss (2025/II/5d/10)
5. What are the Private and Public network and support systems operative in Indian society for care givers? Discuss their role and the challenges before care givers. (2025/II/7a/20)
6. Discuss the major challenges related to women's reproductive health in India. What measures would you suggest to overcome these challenges? (2024/II/6a/20)
7. What is 'Ageing'? Discuss the major problems of aged people in India. (2023/II/8c/10)
8. Discuss the nature of regional variations in sex ratio in India. Stating reasons thereof. (2023/II/5e/10)
9. Discuss the role of pressure groups in strengthening democracy (2022/II/5d/10)
10. Discuss recent trends in the structure of migration. 20 (2022/II/7b/20)
11. What, according to you, are the two fundamental axes of social discrimination in Indian society? Are they changing? (2017/II/8b/20)
12. Is "ageing" an emerging issue in Indian society? Discuss the major problems of the old age people in India. (2021/II/6b/20)
13. Underline the socio-cultural factors responsible for India's skewed sex ratio. (2021/II/6c/10)
14. What are the demographic projections for the aging population (60+) for the next decade? What are the implications for formulating policy for them? (2014/II/7a/20)

15. What are the issues relating to male migration and its impact on birthrate? Does it necessarily result in skewed sex ratio? (2018/II/8a/20)
16. What were the salient features of the India's Population Policy (2000)? How far its goals have been achieved? (2020/II/8b/20)
17. What are the main causes of female mortality in India? (200 Words) (2013/II/7c/15)
18. Give an account of the consequences and remedies of chronic malnutrition in India. (2020/II/5c/10)
19. Why has 'active aging' become a global goal? Do you agree that the role of elderly care-giving is disproportionately gendered in 1 developing countries? Why? (2019/II/8a/10)
20. What is 'social security'? Examine recent security measures adopted by the Government in India. (2019/II/8c/10)
21. What are the emerging concerns on women's reproductive health? (2017/II/5e/10)
22. What are the causes and solutions for the low female sex-ratio in the DEMARU States of Punjab, Haryana, Himachal and Gujarat? (2017/II/6c/10)
23. Write short notes with a sociological perspective: Differential sex-ratio and its implications. (2016/II/5e/10)
24. How is aging becoming an emerging issue in Indian society? (2016/II/8c/10)
25. Discuss the problems of elderly in India. What are the different perspectives to solve their problems? (2015/II/3c/10)
26. Why is it necessary to implement PCPNDT Act in India? (2015/II/4c/10)
27. Write short notes with a sociological perspective on the following in about 150 words: Trends of Infant Mortality Rate among females. (2014/II/5a/10)
28. Write short note with a sociological perspective: sex Ratio. (150 words) (2013/II/5e/10)
29. Construct a sociological narrative on the increasing trend of child abuse in India. (2018/II/5b/10)

(vii) Challenges of Social Transformation:

1. Give a sociological explanation of violence against women in India. What suggestions would you give to mitigate these violences? (2026/II/7b/20)
2. What are the Indian government's schemes launched for poverty alleviation after the United Nation's Declaration of 'Sustainable Development Goals - 2015'? Briefly describe (2025/II/8b/20)
3. Do you think that forced displacement of labourers has caused their deprivation and resultant inequalities during the recent past years? Elaborate. (2025/II/8b/20)
4. Is it possible to have sustainable development in India? Cite major environmental issues and suggest a few measures to achieve the sustainability. (2025/II/8a/20)
5. Which measures would you suggest for preventing caste conflicts in India? Justify your view. (2025/II/6c/10)
6. To what extent have the legal provisions been effective in curbing violence against women in India? Give your argument. (2024/II/7b/20)

7. Analyse the trilogy between environmental movement, development and tribal identity. (2024/II/7a/20)
8. What is sustainable development? How can sustainability be achieved in India where livelihood needs conflict with environmental protection? (2024/II/6b/20)
9. Explain the thematic linkages between 'Patriarchy' and 'Honour killing' in India. citing some recent cases. (2023/II/8a/20)
10. Citing some case studies, expand the concept of 'Development-induced Displacement'. (2023/II/5a/10)
11. Discuss law as an important instrument for women's empowerment. (2022/II/5a/10)
12. Discuss the changing nature of structure of political elites. (2022/II.6c/20)
13. Discuss the problems of working women in India. (200 words) (2013/II/7b/20)
14. The problem of displacement is inherent in the idea of development. Analyse the statement critically. (2021/II/7a/20)
15. Discuss the role of social media in communal polarisation. Suggest ways to combat it. (2021/II/8a/20)
16. Does "economic empowerment" automatically bring about "substantive empowerment" for women? Briefly describe the main issues in women empowerment in India. (2021/II/8c/10)
17. What are the possible underlying causes of the spurt of increased violence against women in public spaces in the last decade? (2014/II/7b/20)
18. 'Many caste conflicts are between castes which are close to each other on the hierarchical scale.' Give a sociological explanation for this phenomenon. (2014/II/8a/20)
19. "Tribal conflicts based on ethnic differences often camouflage a struggle for political and economic advantage.' Substantiate with examples. (2014/II/8b/20)
20. Explain the inter-linkages between poverty, deprivation and inequality. (2013/II/6c/15)
21. Explain the issues relating to ethnicity and sub-ethnicity. (2017/II/7c/20)
22. What is Cultural Revivalism? Give some examples from performing arts, language dissemination and arts and crafts in recent times. (2017/II/8/20)
23. Comment on the factors behind the changing status of women in urban India. (2016/II/4b/20)
24. Discuss the emerging forms of 'inequalities' and 'acute poverty' as major challenges of social transformation in India. (2016/II/6b/20)
25. Discuss some of the striking issues of development induced imbalances that need urgent attention. (2017/II/6a/20)
26. 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. (2019/II/8b/20)
27. Discuss development-induced displacement in the context of tribal uprising in India. Substantiate your answer with any one detailed illustration from India. (2018/II/3b/20)
28. Indebtedness is one of the serious issues leading to farmers' suicides. Discuss reasons and suggest solutions. (2017/II/3a/20)

29. Has reduction of green cover affected ecological degradation leading to global warming? Elaborate your answer with illustration. (2019/II/6c10)
30. What are the reasons for the escalation of violence against women in the public domain? (2017/II/5a/10)
31. Write short note with a sociological perspective: Feminization of poverty. (2015/II/1e/10)
32. Write short note with a sociological Perspective: Effect of displacement through development on the rural landless and marginal farmers. (2015/II/5c/10)
33. How serious is the problem of trafficking against women and children in India? (2015/II/6c/10)
34. To what extent the Muslim Personal Law Board is in agreement with Islamic feminist agenda? (2015/II/7c/10)
35. Write short notes with a sociological perspective on the following in about 150 words: Domestic Violence Act, 2005. (2014/II/5b/10)
36. Write short notes with a sociological perspective on the following in about 150 words Rural landless labourers and development induced displacement. (2014/II/5e/10)



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