

Sociology Paper I

Time Allowed: Three Hours | Maximum Marks: 250

Question Paper Specific Instructions

- There are EIGHT questions divided in TWO SECTIONS and printed both in HINDI and in ENGLISH.
- Candidate has to attempt FIVE questions in all.
- Questions no. 1 and 5 are compulsory and out of the remaining, any THREE are to be attempted choosing at least ONE question from each section.
- The number of marks carried by a question/part is indicated against it.
- Word limit in questions, wherever specified, should be adhered to.
- Attempts of questions shall be counted in sequential order. Unless struck off, attempt of a question shall be counted even if attempted partly.

SECTION A

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| 1 | Answer the following questions in about 150 words each: | 50 |
| 1(a) | Discuss the historical antecedents of the emergence of Sociology as a discipline. | 10 |
| 1(b) | Davis and Moore made it clear that social stratification is a functional necessity and also an unconscious device. Discuss. | 10 |
| 1(c) | What is the Marxist concept of 'fetishism of commodities'? | 10 |
| 1(d) | Present a sociological review on the 'new middle-class'. | 10 |
| 1(e) | Explain the probability sampling strategies with examples. | 10 |
| 2(a) | According to Mead, "We play a key role in our own socialisation." Explain. | 20 |
| 2(b) | Bring out the significance of Ethnography in social research. | 20 |
| 2(c) | What is 'reserve army of labour'? Present the position of feminist scholars on this. | 10 |
| 3(a) | Discuss the importance of interpretative understanding of social phenomena and explain its limitations. | 20 |
| 3(b) | Are all world religions patriarchal? Substantiate your answer with examples. | 20 |
| 3(c) | What, according to Merton, is the difference between 'unanticipated consequences' and 'latent functions'? Give examples to elaborate. | 10 |

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| 4(a) | Modernisation presupposes class society; however caste, ethnicity and race are still predominant. Explain. | 20 |
| 4(b) | Compare and contrast the contributions of Marx and Weber on social stratification in capitalist society. | 20 |
| 4(c) | What, according to Irawati Karve, are the major differences between North Indian and South Indian Kinship systems? | 10 |

SECTION B

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| 5 | Answer the following questions in about 150 words each: | 50 |
| 5(a) | Differentiate between 'Life-chances' and 'Life-style' with suitable examples. | 10 |
| 5(b) | Discuss the issues of access and exclusion in higher education in India. | 10 |
| 5(c) | What is civil society? Present a note on civil society engagement with science and technology policy in India. | 10 |
| 5(d) | Critique A.G. Frank's 'development of underdevelopment'. | 10 |
| 5(e) | How well do you think Tonnies, Durkheim, Weber and Marx predicted the character of modern society? Critique. | 10 |
| 6(a) | Why is gender a dimension of social stratification? How does gender intersect other dimensions of inequality based on caste, class, race and ethnicity? | 20 |
| 6(b) | What are the theoretical models of societal power? Which one of them is most applicable in advanced industrial societies? | 20 |
| 6(c) | What is affirmative action? Substantiate theoretical positions on affirmative actions with examples. | 10 |
| 7(a) | What is 'informal labour'? Discuss the need for and challenges in regulating informal labour in the post-industrial society. | 20 |
| 7(b) | Feminist scholars argue that 'New media' is masculine and hence reinforces structural hierarchies rather than reconfiguring them. Comment. | 20 |
| 7(c) | Discuss the concept of circulation of elite. | 10 |
| 8(a) | In the light of judicial intervention on 'Live-in relationships', discuss the future of marriage and family in India. | 20 |
| 8(b) | How, according to Merton, are deviant subcultures generated? | 20 |
| 8(c) | How is terrorism a new form of asymmetrical warfare? What are some of the challenges in trying to win the war on terrorism? | 10 |

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