

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.

SECTION A

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| 1 | Answer the following questions in about 150 words each: | 50 |
| 1(a) | How did the intellectual forces lead to the emergence of sociology? Discuss. | 10 |
| 1(b) | Is sociology a value-free science? Discuss. | 10 |
| 1(c) | Methodology is a system of rules, principles and procedures, which forms scientific investigation. Comment. | 10 |
| 1(d) | 'Ideal Types' of Max Weber are mental constructs, they do not correspond to the reality. Give your views. | 10 |
| 1(e) | Analyse the relevance of 'Pattern variables' in the study of social change. | 10 |
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| 2(a) | What are the reactions of R.K. Merton to the functionalism of social anthropologists? Bring out the limitations of latent functions. | 20 |
| 2(b) | How are Hierarchy and Exclusion the major impediments in the transformation of societies? Discuss. | 20 |
| 2(c) | Explain democracy as an order of society. What are the factors preventing people's participation in politics? | 10 |
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| 3(a) | Capitalism has brought increasing informalisation of work in society. Substantiate your answer. | 20 |
| 3(b) | Critically analyse Durkheim's views on elementary forms of religious life and role of religion. Also discuss the consequences of religious revivalism in contemporary society. | 20 |
| 3(c) | Discuss the consequences of Across Region marriage on kinship system in modern Indian society. | 10 |
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| 4(a) | Is humanity at the mercy of Nature, Science and Technology? Comment in the light of pandemic situation. | 20 |
| 4(b) | According to Durkheim, "The major function of education is the transmission of society's norms and values." Discuss. | 20 |
| 4(c) | Critically assess social mobility in closed and open systems. | 10 |

SECTION B

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| 5 | Answer the following questions in about 150 words each: | 50 |
| 5(a) | In the context of globalisation, has the scope of sociology been changing in India? Comment. | 10 |
| 5(b) | Discuss the importance and sources of hypothesis in social research. | 10 |
| 5(c) | What are the problems in observing social facts in Durkheim's views? | 10 |
| 5(d) | State the reasons for the various religious beliefs and practices in pre-modern societies. | 10 |
| 5(e) | Does the institution of marriage continue to be sacred in Indian society? Comment. | 10 |
| 6(a) | Discuss the new labour codes and their impact on formal and informal labour in India. | 20 |
| 6(b) | According to Mills, "Elites rule in institutional terms rather than psychological terms." Comment. | 20 |
| 6(c) | Analyse the strengths and weaknesses of social survey method in social research. | 10 |
| 7(a) | Technology has accelerated the process of development and dependency. Discuss. | 20 |
| 7(b) | Phenomenological perspectives in sociology reject many of the assumptions of positivism. Comment. | 20 |
| 7(c) | Critically assess the Marxian theory of 'Alienation'. | 10 |
| 8(a) | How does Marx view social conflict as an essential element in social change? | 20 |
| 8(b) | What is the impact of gender division of labour on the development of society? | 20 |
| 8(c) | Examine how social movements come to an end. Illustrate with examples. | 10 |

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