

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) | Europe was the first and the only place where modernity emerged. Comment. | 10 |
| 1(b) | Do you think ethnomethodology helps us in getting reliable and valid data? Justify your answer. | 10 |
| 1(c) | Discuss the challenges involved in collecting data through census method. | 10 |
| 1(d) | Explain whether Durkheim's theory of Division of Labour is relevant in the present day context. | 10 |
| 1(e) | Critically examine Max Weber's theory of Social Stratification. | 10 |
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| 2(a) | From the viewpoint of growing importance of multidisciplinary, how do you relate sociology to other social sciences? | 20 |
| 2(b) | How far are sociologists justified in using positivist approach to understand social reality? Explain with suitable illustrations. | 20 |
| 2(c) | How is sociology related to common sense? | 10 |
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| 3(a) | How do qualitative and quantitative methods supplement each other in sociological enquiry? | 20 |
| 3(b) | Critically examine the dialectics involved in each mode of production as propounded by Karl Marx. | 20 |
| 3(c) | Do you agree with Max Weber's idea that bureaucracy has the potential to become an iron cage? Justify your answer. | 10 |
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| 4(a) | Explain the concept of social mobility. Describe with suitable illustrations how education and social mobility are related to each other. | 20 |
| 4(b) | How has the idea of 'Work From Home' forced us to redefine the formal and informal organisation of work? | 20 |
| 4(c) | With suitable examples, explain how conformity and deviance coexist in a society as propounded by R.K. Merton. | 10 |

SECTION B

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| 5 | Answer the following questions in about 150 words each: | 50 |
| 5(a) | Explain the emerging challenges in establishing gender equality in the informal sector. | 10 |
| 5(b) | Critically examine the relevance of Vilfredo Pareto's theory of Circulation of Elites in the present scenario. | 10 |
| 5(c) | Critically compare the views of E.B. Tylor and Max Muller on Religion. | 10 |
| 5(d) | What is cult? Explain the growth of cults in the contemporary world. | 10 |
| 5(e) | Do you think Talcott Parsons gave an adequate theory of social change? Justify your answer. | 10 |
| 6(a) | Elucidate the main problems and challenges faced by the migrant labourers in the recent 'Lockdown period'. | 20 |
| 6(b) | Explain how political parties and pressure groups are dialectically related to each other in terms of achieving their goals. | 20 |
| 6(c) | Give your comments on the growth of religious revivalism in the present day context. | 10 |
| 7(a) | Explain how the pattern of patriarchy is being altered in a family and at the workplace in the present context. | 20 |
| 7(b) | Critically examine the contribution of dependency theories in understanding the present global scenario. | 20 |
| 7(c) | Explain the growing salience of ethnicity in the contemporary world with illustrations. | 10 |
| 8(a) | Discuss the changing nature of kinship relations in the contemporary world. | 20 |
| 8(b) | Describe the role of Science and Technology in enabling us to face the challenges triggered by the COVID-19 pandemic. | 20 |
| 8(c) | Highlight the roles and functions of civil society in a democratic system. | 10 |

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