

Sociology Paper II

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 | Write short answers, with a sociological perspective, of the following questions in about 150 words each: | 50 |
| 1(a) | 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. | 10 |
| 1(b) | What does Dr. B. R. Ambedkar mean by the concept of "Annihilation of caste"? | 10 |
| 1(c) | Discuss different forms of kinship system in India. | 10 |
| 1(d) | Critically examine briefly the phrase "Little Republics" as used to denote India's villages. | 10 |
| 1(e) | Caste-like formations are present in Non-Hindu religious communities as well. Discuss with examples. | 10 |
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| 2(a) | What is identity politics? Discuss the main trends in Dalit movements in India. | 20 |
| 2(b) | Is Indian society moving from "Hierarchy" towards "differentiation"? Illustrate your answer with suitable examples. | 20 |
| 2(c) | Discuss the salient features of 'new middle class' in India. | 10 |
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| 3(a) | Discuss in detail the major contribution of Prof. Yogendra Singh in theorizing India's modernization. | 20 |
| 3(b) | Examine the factors responsible for the rural unrest in contemporary India. | 20 |
| 3(c) | Discuss the changing dimensions of family structure in urban India. | 10 |

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| 4(a) | What are the sociological reasons and implication of "reverse migration" during the recent pandemic in India? | 20 |
| 4(b) | Discuss the main features of the debate between G. S. Ghurye and V. Elwin on tribal development. | 20 |
| 4(c) | What are the various forms of untouchability in India? Critically examine. | 10 |

SECTION B

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| 5 | Write short answers, with sociological perspective, of the following questions in about 150 words each: | 50 |
| 5(a) | Analyze the idea of developmental planning in India. | 10 |
| 5(b) | Comment on the role of co-operatives in rural development. | 10 |
| 5(c) | Urban slums are sites of social exclusion - explain. | 10 |
| 5(d) | Does regionalism essentially lead to decentralization of power? Substantiate your answer with relevant examples. | 10 |
| 5(e) | Discuss the role of technology in agrarian change in India. | 10 |
| 6(a) | Explain the sociological significance of the New Education Policy and its thrust on vocationalization and skill development. | 20 |
| 6(b) | Is 'ageing' an emerging issue in Indian society? Discuss the major problems of the old age people in India. | 20 |
| 6(c) | Underline the socio-cultural factors responsible for India's skewed sex-ratio. | 10 |
| 7(a) | The problem of displacement is inherent in the idea of development. Analyze the statement critically. | 20 |
| 7(b) | Rising 'ethnocentrism' is leading to conflict in our society. Assess this statement with appropriate reasons. | 20 |
| 7(c) | Is social democracy a precondition for political democracy? Comment. | 10 |
| 8(a) | Discuss the role of social media in communal polarisation. Suggest ways to combat it. | 20 |
| 8(b) | Urban settlements in India tend to replicate its rural caste-kinship imprints. Discuss the main reasons. | 20 |
| 8(c) | Does "economic empowerment" automatically bring about "substantive empowerment" for women? Briefly describe the main issues in women empowerment in India. | 10 |

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