

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.

SECTION A

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| 1 | Write short answers, with a sociological perspective, on the following questions in about 150 words each: | 50 |
| 1(a) | Elaborate on M.N. Srinivas's structural-functionalist approach to the study of Indian society. | 10 |
| 1(b) | Do you agree that the agrarian class structure in India is changing? Justify your answer with illustrations. | 10 |
| 1(c) | Elucidate the challenges of integration for tribal communities in India. | 10 |
| 1(d) | In the context of the changing Indian society, how do you view Andre Beteille's conceptions of harmonic and disharmonic social structures? | 10 |
| 1(e) | Explain Leela Dube's concept of "Seed and Earth". | 10 |
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| 2(a) | Critically examine G.S. Ghurye's Indological approach to the understanding of Indian society. | 20 |
| 2(b) | Elaborate on the changing nature of caste system with suitable illustrations. | 20 |
| 2(c) | Discuss the problems of religious minorities in India and suggest measures to solve them. | 10 |
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| 3(a) | Critically examine Yogendra Singh's thesis on 'Modernisation of Indian Tradition'. | 20 |
| 3(b) | Discuss the material basis of patriarchy as an ideological system. | 20 |
| 3(c) | Explain different forms of untouchability in India. | 10 |
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| 4(a) | Examine the social background of growth of Indian nationalism. | 20 |

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| 4(b) | Explain how land reforms brought about desired agrarian transformation. | 20 |
| 4(c) | Discuss the challenges during village studies in India. | 10 |

SECTION B

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| 5 | Write short answers, with a sociological perspective, on the following questions in about 150 words each: | 50 |
| 5(a) | Discuss law as an important instrument for women's empowerment. | 10 |
| 5(b) | Examine different understandings of secularisation in India. | 10 |
| 5(c) | How do you view the growth of informal sector in India? | 10 |
| 5(d) | Discuss the role of pressure groups in strengthening democracy. | 10 |
| 5(e) | What role do co-operatives play in poverty alleviation in rural India? | 10 |
| 6(a) | Examine whether rural bondage still continues to be a social reality. Give your argument. | 20 |
| 6(b) | Define ethnicity. Discuss the factors responsible for the growth of ethnic movements in India. | 20 |
| 6(c) | Discuss the changing nature of structure of political elites. | 10 |
| 7(a) | "Instead of promoting equality in society, the present system of education itself has contributed to increased socio-economic disparities." Comment. | 20 |
| 7(b) | Discuss recent trends in the structure of migration. | 20 |
| 7(c) | Discuss different forms of deprivation associated with slums. | 10 |
| 8(a) | Bring out the various issues involved in Dalit movements in India. | 20 |
| 8(b) | Critically examine the dialectics between 'development and environment'. | 20 |
| 8(c) | Discuss the changing nature of Industrial working class. | 10 |

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