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Sociology Optional For UPSC CSE



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STUDY MATERIAL

UPSC Sociology Optional 2013 Paper I Previous Year Questions

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SECTION—A

1. Answer the following questions in about 150 words each (10x4=40)

(a)

“Sociology emerged in Europe and flourished to begin with on social reformist orientation in the U.S.A.”
-Comment.

10 Marks · Sociology the Discipline · Modernity and social changes in Europe and the emergence of sociology.

(b)

Compare and contrast Sociology with Anthropology.

10 Marks · Sociology the Discipline · Scope of the subject and comparison with other social sciences

(c)

Critically examine positivistic approach in sociology studies.

10 Marks · Sociology As Science · Positivism and its critique

(d)

Examine science and technology as agents of social change.

10 Marks · Education System & Social change · Science, Technology and Social change

2.

(a)

20 marks

Analyse the limitation of quantitative methods in social research.

20 Marks · Research Methods & Analysis · Qualitative and quantitative methods

(b)

20 marks

Critically examine the functionalist tradition in Sociology.

20 Marks · Stratification and Mobility · Theories of social stratification- Structural functionalist theory, Marxist theory, Weberian theory.

(c) **10 marks**

Analyse the salient features of historical materialism.

10 Marks · Sociological Thinkers · Karl Marx- Historical Materialism, mode of production, alienation, class struggle.

3.

(a) **20 marks**

Compare Karl Marx with Emile Durkheim with reference to the framework of 'division of labour'.

20 Marks · Sociological Thinkers · Emile Durkheim- Division of labour, social fact, suicide, religion and society.

(b) **20 marks**

Critically analyse the contribution of G.H. Mead to 'symbolic interactionism'.

20 Marks · Sociological Thinkers · Mead- Self and identity

(c) **10 marks**

Examine the salient features of Weberian bureaucracy.

10 Marks · Sociological Thinkers · Max Weber- Social action, ideal types, authority, bureaucracy, protestant ethic and the spirit of capitalism

4.

(a) **20 marks**

How are open and closed systems of stratification undergoing transformation in the emergence of new hierarchical social order in societies?

20 Marks · Stratification and Mobility · What is social mobility? Critically examine the classification of 'closed' and 'open' models

SECTION—B**5. Answer the following questions in about 150 words each (10x5=50)****(a)**

Distinguish between people being socially excluded and people excluding themselves socially societies

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10 Marks · Stratification and Mobility · Concepts- equality, inequality, hierarchy, exclusion, poverty and deprivation

(b)

Defines social movement. Elucidate the role of reformist movements in social change.

10 Marks · Politics and Society · Protest, agitation, social movements, collective action, revolution.

(c)

“Science has empirical means to logical end and religion has non- empirical means to logical ends.”

Comment

10 Marks · Religion and Society · Religion in modern society: religion and science, secularization, religious revivalism, fundamentalism.

(d)

Examine the social dimensions of displacement induced by development.

10 Marks · Education System & Social change · Development and dependency

(e)

Analyse the gender bias in the present society with examples.

10 Marks · Stratification and Mobility · Dimensions- Social stratification of class, status groups, gender, ethnicity, and race.

6.**(a)****20 marks**

How do Karl Marx and Max Weber differ in terms of their analysis of social stratification?

20 Marks · Sociological Thinkers · Karl Marx- Historical Materialism, mode of production, alienation, class struggle.

(b)**20 marks**

Examine the social impact of globalization on labour and society.

20 Marks · Works and Economic Life · Labour and society

(c)**10 marks**

Examine the relevance of Parsonian Social systems in a present society?

10 Marks · Sociological Thinkers · Talcott Parsons- Social system, pattern variables

7.**(a)****20 marks**

Evaluate how do civil society and democracy mutually reinforce each other.

20 Marks · Politics and Society · How do Civil Society Organizations' such as NGOs' and Self-Help Groups' contribute to

(c)**10 marks**

Critically examine the role of civil society in democracy

10 Marks · Politics and Society · Explain democracy as an order of society. What are the factors preventing people's

8.**(a)****20 marks**

Illustrate the conflicts and tensions experienced by societies undergoing social change.

20 Marks · Education System & Social change · Development and dependency

(b)**20 marks**

Critically examine the cultural theories of social change with suitable examples.

20 Marks · Education System & Social change · Critically examine the roles of science and technology in social change. What is your

(c)**10 marks**

"Is Religion antithetical to science? Comment.

10 Marks · Religion and Society · Religion in modern society: religion and science, secularization, religious revivalism, fundamentalism.