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STUDY MATERIAL

UPSC Sociology Optional 2014 Paper II Previous Year Questions

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SECTION—A

1. Answer the following questions in about 150 words each (10x5=50)

(a)

Write short notes with a sociological perspective on the following in 150 words: G.S. Ghurye's Indological approach to understand society in India.

10 Marks · Introducing Indian Society · Critically examine Yogendra Singh's thesis on 'Modernisation of Indian Tradition'. (2022 II/3a/20)

(a)

Write short notes with a sociological perspective on the following in about 150 words Features of caste system.

10 Marks · Social Structure: · Is Indian society moving from "hierarchy" towards "differentiation"? Illustrate your

(a)

Write short notes with a sociological perspective on the following in about 150 words Types of kinship systems in India

10 Marks · Social Structure: · Define the concepts of 'Descent' and 'Alliance'. Differentiate between North Indian and

(a)

Write short notes with a sociological perspective on the following in about 150 words: Gandhi's efforts on communal harmony

10 Marks · Social Changes in India: · Discuss the implications of 'Swachha Bharat Abhiyan'. Do you think that civil society

(b)

Write short notes with a sociological perspective on the following in about 150 words: Modernisation of Indian traditions

10 Marks · Introducing Indian Society · Impact of colonial rule on Indian society

2.

(a)

20 marks

Analyze the different views on integration and autonomy of tribes in India.

20 Marks · Social Structure: · Tribal Communities in India

(b)

20 marks

Discuss the social background of Indian nationalism.

20 Marks · Introducing Indian Society · Impact of colonial rule on Indian society

(c)

10 marks

Define Patriarchy. How does it impact the overall entitlement of a girl child in India?

10 Marks · Social Structure: · Define the concepts of 'Descent' and 'Alliance'. Differentiate between North Indian and

3.

(a)

20 marks

Give a sociological analysis of the problems of migrant urban poor.

20 Marks · Social Changes in India: · Industrialization and Urbanisation in India

(b)

20 marks

Discuss the problems of religious minorities in India.

20 Marks · Social Structure: · Religion and Society

(c)

10 marks

Write some of the important social reforms in India for the removal of untouchability.

10 Marks · Social Structure: · Is Indian society moving from "hierarchy" towards "differentiation"? Illustrate your

4.

(a)

20 marks

Discuss the status of women among the emerging urban middle class.

20 Marks · Social Structure: · "Industrial class structure is a function of social structure of Indian society." Do you agree

(b)

20 marks

Describe the impact of land reforms on the peasants of Indian society.

20 Marks · Social Structure: · (i) Rural and Agrarian Social Structure

(c)

10 marks

What is the idea of 'Indian village'? Explain.

10 Marks · Social Structure: · (i) Rural and Agrarian Social Structure

SECTION—B

5. Answer the following questions in about 150 words each (10x5=50)

(a)

Write short notes with a sociological perspective on the following in about 150 words: Trends of Infant Mortality Rate among females.

10 Marks · Social Changes in India: · Population Dynamics

(b)

Write short notes with a sociological perspective on the following in about 150 words: Domestic Violence Act, 2005.

10 Marks · Social Changes in India: · Challenges of Social Transformation

(c)

Write short notes with a sociological perspective on the following in about 150 words Dynamics of Contemporary Dalit movements.

10 Marks · Social Changes in India: · Do you think that the decodes of Dalit political mobilizations and movements have helped

(d)

Write short notes with a sociological perspective on the following in about 150 words: Impact of privatisation on educational disparities.

10 Marks · Social Changes in India: · "Educational development is the only Panacea for country's all ills and evils." Critically

(e)

Write short notes with a sociological perspective on the following in about 150 words Rural landless labourers and development induced displacement.

10 Marks · Social Changes in India: · Challenges of Social Transformation

6.

(a)

20 marks

What are the main features of the second wave of Women's movement in the Indian context?

20 Marks · Social Changes in India: · Do you think that the decades of Dalit political mobilizations and movements have helped

(b)

20 marks

Discuss the 'Chipko movement' as an example of eco-feminism.

20 Marks · Social Changes in India: · Do you think that the decades of Dalit political mobilizations and movements have helped

(c)

10 marks

Discuss the impact of globalization on the workers in the informal sector.

10 Marks · Social Changes in India: · Industrialization and Urbanisation in India

7.

(a)

20 marks

What are the demographic projections for the aging population (60+) for the next decade? What are the implications for formulating policy for them?

20 Marks · Social Changes in India: · Population Dynamics

(b)

20 marks

What are the possible underlying causes of the spurt of increased violence against women in public spaces in the last decade?

20 Marks · Social Changes in India: · Challenges of Social Transformation

(c) **10 marks**

How do caste and class come together in creating the category of extreme poor?

10 Marks · Social Structure: · Is Indian society moving from “hierarchy” towards “differentiation”? Illustrate your

8.

(a) **20 marks**

'Many caste conflicts are between castes which are close to each other on the hierarchical scale.' Give a sociological explanation for this phenomenon.

20 Marks · Social Changes in India: · Challenges of Social Transformation

(b) **20 marks**

"Tribal conflicts based on ethnic differences often camouflage a struggle for political and economic advantage.' Substantiate with examples.

20 Marks · Social Changes in India: · Challenges of Social Transformation

(c) **10 marks**

Who are the elites? Discuss their roles in bringing social transformation.

10 Marks · Social Changes in India: · Discuss the implications of 'Swachha Bharat Abhiyan'. Do you think that civil society