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STUDY MATERIAL

UPSC Sociology Optional 2016 Paper I Previous Year Questions

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SECTION—A

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

(b)

What is 'Value free Sociology'? Clarify.

10 Marks · Sociology As Science · Fact value and objectivity

(c)

Analyze the importance of qualitative method on social research.

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

(d)

Evaluate Marx's ideas on mode of production.

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

(e)

"Vertical mobility brings structural change even in a closed social system." Comment.

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

2.

(a)

20 marks

Elucidate the basic premises of Davis' structural-functional theory of social stratification. How far is it relevant in understanding contemporary Indian society?

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

(a)

20 marks

Critically examine Max Weber's theory of Social Stratification.

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

(b)

20 marks

Describe the functional prerequisites of social systems as given by Talcott Parsons. Examine in the context of a university as a social system.

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

(c)

10 marks

"Sociology is pre-eminently study of modern society." Discuss

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

(c)

10 marks

Is sociology common sense? Give reasons in support of your argument.

10 Marks · Sociology the Discipline · Sociology and common sense

3.

(a)

20 marks

Analyse the manifest and latent functions of 'security of the tenure of the bureaucrats' in the light of Merton's Theory.

20 Marks · Sociological Thinkers · Robert K Merton

(b)

20 marks

Describe the basic postulates of Scientific method. How far are these followed in sociological research?

20 Marks · Sociology As Science · Science, scientific method and critique.

(c)

10 marks

giving examples of poverty and illiteracy.

10 Marks · Research Methods & Analysis · "Hypothesis is a statement of the relationship between two or more variables." Elucidate by

4.

(a)

20 marks

Examine Max Weber's method of maintaining objectivity in social research.

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

(b)

20 marks

"Participants observation is the most effective tool for collecting facts." Comment.

20 Marks · Research Methods & Analysis · Techniques of data collection

(c)

10 marks

Discuss the relationship between poverty and social exclusion.

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

SECTION—B

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

(a)

Describe the nature of social organization of work in industrial society.

10 Marks · Works and Economic Life · Social organisation of work in different types of society- slave society, feudal society, industrial/capitalist society

(b)

Discuss the importance of 'power elite' in democracy.

10 Marks · Politics and Society · Power elite, bureaucracy, pressure groups, and political parties.

(c)

Is religion playing an important role in increasing fundamentalism? Give reasons for your answer.

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

(e)

"Social conflict is both a cause and a consequence of social change." Explain.

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

6.

(a)

20 marks

"Globalization has pushed the labour into informal organization of work." Substantiate your answer with suitable examples.

20 Marks · Works and Economic Life · Formal and informal organisation of work

(b)

20 marks

"Social change can be brought about through development". Illustrate from the contemporary situation of India.

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

(c)

10 marks

Examine the role of protest movements in changing the status of Dalits in India.

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

7.

(a)

20 marks

"Religious and Pluralism is the order of present-day societies." Explain by giving suitable examples.

20 Marks · Religion and Society · Types of religious practices: animism, monism, pluralism, sects, cults.

(a)

20 marks

Write a detailed note on the effected growing slums in urban areas.

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

(b)

20 marks

Discuss the contemporary trends in family as a response to social change in modern society.

20 Marks · System of Kinship · Contemporary Trends

(c) **10 marks**

To what success revolution replaces the existing order of society? Discuss.

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

8.

(a) **20 marks**

“Education is a major source of Social Mobility in contemporary society”. Explain.

20 Marks · Education System & Social change · Education and social change

(b) **20 marks**

How is Durkheim’s theory of religion different from Max Weber’s theory of Religion?

20 Marks · Religion and Society · Sociological Theories of religion

(c) **10 marks**

Distinguish between family and household as sociological concepts.

10 Marks · System of Kinship · Family, household, marriage
