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STUDY MATERIAL

UPSC Sociology Optional 2016 Paper II Previous Year Questions

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SECTION—A

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

(a)

Write short notes with a sociological perspective: Salient Features of A.R. Desai's Marxist Sociology

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

(b)

Write short notes with a sociological perspective: Significance of Village Studies in Indian Sociology.

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

(c)

Write short notes with a sociological a dominant perspective: 'Isolationism' as feature of colonial tribal policy.

10 Marks · Social Structure: · Tribal Communities in India

(d)

Write short notes with a sociological perspective: Anti-Brahmanical movements during the colonial period.

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

2.

(a)

20 marks

How has BR Ambedkar identified the features of caste system? How is it different from the mainstream treatment of caste features?

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

(b)**20 marks**

Discuss Andre Beteille's account of the relationship between caste, class and power change from symmetrical to asymmetrical one.

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

(c)**10 marks**

Analyse the major components of Land Reform Acts. Show their effectiveness in curbing rural inequality.

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

3.**(a)****20 marks**

Bring out the significance of the difference between family and household.

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

(b)**20 marks**

Elucidate the concepts of 'majoritarianism' and 'minoritarianism' in accentuating communal tensions in India.

20 Marks · Social Structure: · Religion and Society

(c)**10 marks**

Comment on the increasing significance of caste in politics.

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

4.**(a)****20 marks**

How is the tribal question related to the issues of integration and autonomy in modern India?

20 Marks · Social Structure: · Tribal Communities in India

(b)

20 marks

Comment on the factors behind the changing status of women in urban India.

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

(c)

10 marks

What accounts for the growth and consolidation of middle classes in modern India? Elucidate.

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

SECTION—B

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10 marks

Write short notes with perspective: Patriarchy as dominance. a sociological form of a

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

SECTION—B

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

(a)

Write short notes with a sociological perspective: Privatization of education and increasing inequalities.

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

(b)

Write short notes with a sociological perspective: Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme for rural development. 9.

10 Marks · Social Changes in India: · What are the sociological reasons and implication of "reverse migration" during the

(c)

Write short notes with a sociological perspective: Different forms of Dalit assertion.

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 6. perspective: Empowerment through 'Right to Education'.

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: Differential sex-ratio and its implications.

10 Marks · Social Changes in India: · Population Dynamics

6.

(a)

20 marks

Write a note on the uneven impact of 'Green Revolution' on rural society.

20 Marks · Social Changes in India: · What are the sociological reasons and implication of "reverse migration" during the

(b)

20 marks

Discuss the emerging forms of 'inequalities' and 'acute poverty' as major challenges of social transformation in India.

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

(c)

10 marks

Discuss the various forms of environmental movements started in India.

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

7.

(b)

20 marks

Discuss the changing nature of the problems of working class in the informal sector of the economy.

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

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

Bring out the impact of the declining significance of the agrarian economy.

20 Marks · Social Changes in India: · What are the sociological reasons and implication of “reverse migration” during the

(b)**20 marks**

Examine the impact of industrialization and urbanization on family structure.

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

(c)**10 marks**

How is aging becoming an emerging issue in Indian society?

10 Marks · Social Changes in India: · Population Dynamics
