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STUDY MATERIAL

UPSC Sociology Optional 2017 Paper II Previous Year Questions

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SECTION—A

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(1e)

10 marks

Write a short note on 'changing means of production and increased rural poverty.'

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

SECTION—A

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

(a)

Write a critique of the structural and functional perspective used by M.N. Srinivas in the understanding of Indian society.

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

(b)

Which is more significant, the principle of "hierarchy" or the principle of 'difference', in inter-caste relations in the present day?

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

(c)

What are the distinct features of Islam as practised in India, and how have they changed over time?

10 Marks · Social Structure: · Religion and Society

(d)

How have the struggles against untouchability changed their forms and perspectives from Gandhian to Ambedkarite positions?

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

2.

(a) 20 marks

The main objectives of socio-religious movements during the colonial rule in India were reforming and synthesizing Hinduism. Write on any two such important movements.

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

(b) 20 marks

Discuss Yogendra Singh's thesis on Modernisation of Indian Tradition, and evaluate its applicability in the present-day context.

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

(c) 10 marks

What are the changes in the cultural and structural aspects of the caste system since independence?

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

3.

(a) 20 marks

Indebtedness is one of the serious issues leading to farmers' suicides. Discuss reasons and suggest solutions.

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

(b) 20 marks

Clarify the distinction between 'household' and 'family' and evaluate whether joint families have completely disintegrated.

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

(c)

10 marks

Compare the North Indian Kinship System with the South Indian Kinship System.

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

4.

(b)

20 marks

What is the nature of religious change among tribal communities? Illustrate with two examples from colonial and post-independence times.

20 Marks · Social Structure: · Tribal Communities in India

(c)

10 marks

Compare the pressing problems of a dalit poor family living in an urban slum with a similar type of family living in a rural setting.

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

SECTION—B

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

(a)

What are the reasons for the escalation of violence against women in the public domain?

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

(b)

Write a note on Education and Equality in India.

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

(c)

Give an account of the problems relating to the "creamy layer".

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

(d)

Do you agree that the issue of child labor raises questions about and beyond the informal sector? Give reasons.

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

(e)

What are the emerging concerns on women's reproductive health?

10 Marks · Social Changes in India: · Population Dynamics

6.

(a)

20 marks

Discuss some of the striking issues of development induced imbalances that need urgent attention.

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

(c)

10 marks

What are the causes and solutions for the low female sex-ratio in the DEMARU States of Punjab, Haryana, Himachal and Gujarat?

10 Marks · Social Changes in India: · Population Dynamics

7.

(a)

20 marks

Despite gains from the women's movement and state policy of women empowerment, gender equality is far from achieved. Identify 2 two major challenges that prevent this goal from being reached.

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

(b)

20 marks

To what extent does nation building depend on strengthening of pluralities in Indian society.

20 Marks · Social Changes in India: · Politics and Society

(c)

20 marks

Explain the issues relating to ethnicity and sub-ethnicity.

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

8.

What is Cultural Revivalism? Give some examples from performing arts, language dissemination and arts and crafts in recent times.

20 marks

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

(b)

20 marks

What, according to you, are the two fundamental axes of social discrimination in Indian society? Are they changing?

20 Marks · Social Changes in India: · Population Dynamics

(c)

10 marks

Why have we started using another category of tribes called the Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs)? Why are they so-called?

10 Marks · Social Structure: · Tribal Communities in India
