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**STUDY MATERIAL**

## **UPSC Sociology Optional 2018 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 a note on G.S. Ghurye's Indological perspective of understanding Indian society.

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

(b)

Give a critical analysis of Andre Beteille's study of Tanjore village.

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

(c)

Media is the fourth pillar of democracy. Discuss,

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

(d)

Write a note on the changing roles of middle-class women in India.

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

(e)

Discuss the growth of religious sects in India.

10 Marks · Social Structure: · Religion and Society

2.

(a)

20 marks

Analyze A.R. Desai's views on India's path of development.

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

**(b)**

**20 marks**

Examine sociological dynamics of Champaran Peasant Movement in colonial India.

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

**(c)**

**10 marks**

How do the recommendations of Swaminathan Commission (2004-2006) ensure food and nutrition security for the Indian masses?

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

**3.**

**(a)**

**20 marks**

What do you understand by discrete castes and muddled hierarchies?

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

**(b)**

**20 marks**

Discuss development-induced displacement in the context of tribal uprising in India. Substantiate your answer with any one detailed illustration from India.

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

**(c)**

**10 marks**

Illustrate the importance of 'Kanyadan' and 'Kulabadhu' in changing institutions of marriage and family

.

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

**4.**

**(a)**

**20 marks**

How has the New Economic Policy (1991) affected the lifestyle and life-chances of New middle class in India?

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

(b)

20 marks

Write a critical narrative on the concerns of religious minorities in India.

20 Marks · Social Structure: · Religion and Society

(c)

10 marks

Discuss the issues relating to the entitlement of transgender in Indian society.

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)

Elaborate the concept of constitutional morality as given by B.R. Ambedkar.

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

(b)

Construct a sociological narrative on the increasing trend of child abuse in India.

10 Marks · Social Changes in India: · Population Dynamics

(c)

Explain the dynamics of neo-farmers' movement in contemporary India.

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

(d)

Assess the role of the State in promoting education of girl child.

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

(e)

Elaborate the 'Me Too' Movement and its impact in India.

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

6.

(a)

20 marks

How do you relate the growth of development of metropolis and its impact on the mental and social life of people in India?

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

(b)

20 marks

Has 'Green Revolution' led to the formation of new power elite in rural India? Elaborate your answer.

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

(c)

10 marks

Write a note on Basic Services to Urban Poor (BSUP) and Integrated Housing and Slum Development (IHSD) programs provided for the urban poor.

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

7.

(a)

20 marks

Has caste system hindered democracy and adult franchise in India? Discuss.

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

(b)

20 marks

Elaborate various forms of Dalit assertions in contemporary India? What are its implications on the Indian political system?

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

(c)

10 marks

With increase in education and economic development is Indian society becoming more secular?

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

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8.

(a)

20 marks

What are the issues relating to male migration and its impact on birthrate? Does it necessarily result in skewed sex ratio?

20 Marks · Social Changes in India: · Population Dynamics

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(b)

20 marks

Western patriarchy which surrenders feminine principles is the new development project in India. Do you agree with this view? Why?

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

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(c)

10 marks

Assess the impact of ban on "Triple Talak" on marriage and divorce among the Muslim community in India.

10 Marks · Social Structure: · Religion and Society

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