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STUDY MATERIAL

UPSC Sociology Optional 2020 Paper II Previous Year Questions

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SECTION—A

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

(a)

Elaborate A. R. Desai's perspective to the study of Indian society.

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

(b)

Banning Practice of 'Sati' is attributed to annihilation of a major social evil in colonial Indian. "Comment

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

(c)

How do you justify Dumont's deliberate stress on ideology that produced intellectualized account of Indian society?

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

(d)

Explain the definitional problems concerning the tribal communities in India.

10 Marks · Social Structure: · Tribal Communities in India

(e)

'Secularism was an outcome of 20th century humanistic radicalism.' Comment on this statement.

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

2.

(a)

20 marks

"Indian caste system is unique and has been unhealthy for the growth of Sociology of India". How far do you agree with this view?

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

(b)

20 marks

Discuss Whitehead's contention that caste has the potential to displace class and colonial contradiction.

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

(c)

10 marks

Indian rural society is a faction-ridden society". Discuss.

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

3.

(a)

20 marks

Examine the colonial policy of segregation of tribes under the Government of India Act 1935

20 Marks · Social Structure: · Tribal Communities in India

(b)

20 marks

Discuss the dynamics of 'migrant workers' in India in the context of Corona pandemic.

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

(c)

10 marks

How does Andra Beteille Justify 'middle class in India?

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

4.

(a)

20 marks

Discuss the conceptual issues about lineage and descent in India. Give suitable illustrations.

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

(b)

20 marks

Analyze household dimensions of family in India.

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

(c)

10 marks

Write a note on cultural pluralism' in multi - religious society like India.

10 Marks · Social Structure: · Religion and Society

SECTION—B

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

(a)

Point out the benefits of 'green chemistry' for agrarian transformation in India.

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

(b)

Analyze the issues related to the citizenship in contemporary India. Give suitable illustrations.

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

(c)

Give an account of the consequences and remedies of chronic malnutrition in India.

10 Marks · Social Changes in India: · Population Dynamics

(d)

How does the New Education Policy, 2020 aim to eradicate disparities in the system of education in India?

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

(e)

What do you understand by democratic federalism? How does it promote decentralization of power in India?

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

6.

(a)

20 marks

Discuss in detail the main issues of development planning in mixed economy like India?

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

(b)

20 marks

Do you think MSP (Minimum Support Price) Scheme for agricultural produce can help in rural development? Elaborate your response with suitable examples.

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

7.

(a)

20 marks

Elaborate the causes, consequences and other concerns of growth of urban settlements in India.

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

(b)

20 marks

Evaluate the nature and scope of anthropogenic influence on climate in India and also analyse the environmental movements arising out of it.

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

(c)

10 marks

Are the contemporary farmers' movements in India changing their course? Discuss.

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

8.

(a)

20 marks

Colonial administrators helped to construct the very traditionalism which marked the Indian society as 'backward'. Comment critically.

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

(b)

20 marks

What were the salient features of the India's Population Policy (2000)? How far its goals have been achieved?

20 Marks · Social Changes in India: · Population Dynamics

(c)

10 marks

Point out the main causes of 'child labor' in India. How far the State policies have succeeded in its elimination?

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