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UPSC Sociology Optional 2021 Paper II Previous Year Questions

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SECTION—A

1. Answer the following questions in about 150 words each (10x3=30)

(a)

Caste System studies in India have been dominated by the “book -view” initially. How did the entry of “field- view” bring about a balance in the study of Indian caste system? Discuss.

10 Marks · Social Structure: · Caste System

(b)

What does Dr. B.R Ambedkar mean by the concept of “Annihilation of Caste”? 10

10 Marks · Social Structure: · Caste System

(e)

Caste-like formations are present in Non-Hindu religious communities as well. Discuss with examples.

10 Marks · Social Structure: · Caste System

2.

(a)

20 marks

What is identity politics? Discuss the main trends in Dalit movements in India.

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

(b)

20 marks

answer with suitable examples.

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

(c)

10 marks

Discuss the salient features of “new middle class” in India.

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

3.

(a)

20 marks

Discuss in detail the major contribution of Prof. Yogendra Singh in theorizing India’s modernization.

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

(b)

20 marks

Examine the factors responsible for the rural unrest in contemporary India. 20

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

(c)

10 marks

Discuss the changing dimensions of family structure in urban India.

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

4.

(a)

20 marks

recent pandemic in India?

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

(c)

20 marks

What are the various forms of untouchability in India? Critically examine. 10

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

SECTION—B**5.****(a)****10 marks**

Analyse the idea of development planning in India.

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

(b)**20 marks**

Comment on the role of co- operatives in rural development.

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

(c)**10 marks**

Urban slums are sites of social exclusive -Explain.

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

(d)**10 marks**

Does regionalism essentially lead to decentralization of power? Substantiate your answer with relevant examples.10

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

(e)**10 marks**

Discuss the role of Technology in agrarian change in India.10

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

6.**(a)****20 marks**

Explain the sociological significance of the New Education Policy and its thrust on vocationalization and skill development.

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

(b)

20 marks

Is “ageing” an emerging issue in Indian society? Discuss the major problems of the old age people in India.

20 Marks · Social Changes in India: · Population Dynamics

(c)

10 marks

Underlinethesocio-cultural factors responsible for India’s skewed sex ratio.

10 Marks · Social Changes in India: · Population Dynamics

7.

(a)

20 marks

The problem of displacement is inherent in the idea of development. Analyse the statement critically.

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

(b)

20 marks

Rising “ethnocentrism” is leading to conflict in our society. Assess this statement with appropriate reasons.

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

(c)

10 marks

Is social democracy a precondition for political democracy? Comment. 10

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

8.

(a)

20 marks

Discuss the role of social media in communal polarisation. Suggest ways to combat it.

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

(b)

20 marks

Urban settlement in India tend to replicate its rural caste -kinship imprints. Discuss the main reasons.

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

(c)

10 marks

Does “economic empowerment” automatically bring about “substantive empowerment” for women?

Briefly describe the main issues in women empowerment in India.

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