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STUDY MATERIAL

UPSC Sociology Optional 2022 Paper I Previous Year Questions

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SECTION—A

1. Answer the following questions in about 150 words each (10x6=60)

(a)

Delimit the scope of Sociology in relation to other social sciences.

10 Marks · Sociology the Discipline · Scope of the subject and comparison with other social sciences

(a)

What is the distinctiveness of the feminist method of Social research Comment?

10 Marks · Research Methods & Analysis · Qualitative and quantitative methods

(b)

How does a researcher achieve objectivity in interpretative research?

10 Marks · Sociology As Science · Science, scientific method and critique.

(c)

The difference between information and data in social science is subtle. Comment.

10 Marks · Research Methods & Analysis · Variables, sampling, hypothesis, reliability and validity

(d)

Durkheim argued that society is more than the sum of individual acts. Discuss

10 Marks · Sociological Thinkers · Emile Durkheim- Division of labour, social fact, suicide, religion and society.

(e)

How do sociologists construct gender in their analysis on social inequality?

10 Marks · Stratification and Mobility · Concepts- equality, inequality, hierarchy, exclusion, poverty and deprivation

2.

(a)

20 marks

What aspects of Enlightenment do you think paved way for the emergence of sociology? Elaborate.

20 Marks · Sociology the Discipline · Modernity and social changes in Europe and the emergence of sociology.

(b)

20 marks

Explain the different types of non-probability sampling techniques. Bring out the conditions of their usage with appropriate examples.

20 Marks · Research Methods & Analysis · Variables, sampling, hypothesis, reliability and validity

(c)

10 marks

Discuss social mobility in open and closed systems.

10 Marks · Stratification and Mobility · What is social mobility? Critically examine the classification of 'closed' and 'open' models

3.

(a)

20 marks

What are the shortfalls of positivist philosophy that gave rise to the non-positivist methods of studying social reality?

20 Marks · Sociology As Science · Positivism and its critique

(b)

20 marks

Critically examine how Durkheim and Merton explicate Anomie.

20 Marks · Sociological Thinkers · Emile Durkheim- Division of labour, social fact, suicide, religion and society.

(c)

10 marks

Suggest measures to minimize the influence of the researcher in the process of collecting data through focus group discussion.

10 Marks · Research Methods & Analysis · Variables, sampling, hypothesis, reliability and validity

4.

(a)

20 marks

What characterizes degradation of work in capitalist society according to Marx?

20 Marks · Works and Economic Life · Formal and informal organisation of work

(b)

20 marks

Social stratification is claimed to contribute to the maintenance of social order and stability in society. Critically assess.

20 Marks · Stratification and Mobility · Dimensions- Social stratification of class, status groups, gender, ethnicity, and race.

(c)

10 marks

What is reliability? Explain the different tests available to social science researchers to establish reliability.

10 Marks · Research Methods & Analysis · Variables, sampling, hypothesis, reliability and validity

SECTION—B

5.

(a)

10 marks

Critically examine the relevance of Durkheim's views on religion in contemporary society.

10 Marks · Sociological Thinkers · Emile Durkheim- Division of labour, social fact, suicide, religion and society.

(b)

20 marks

Discuss various theoretical perspectives on the family.

20 Marks · System of Kinship · Types and forms of family

(c)

20 marks

Explain the implications of feminization of work in the developing societies. 10

20 Marks · Works and Economic Life · Formal and informal organisation of work

(d)

10 marks

Write a note on global trends of secularization.

10 Marks · Religion and Society · Religion in modern society: religion and science, secularization, religious revivalism, fundamentalism.

(e)

10 marks

Trace the trajectory of development perspectives on social change.

10 Marks · Education System & Social change · Science, Technology and Social change

6.

(a)

20 marks

According to Mead the idea of self develops when the individual becomes self-conscious. Explain. 20

20 Marks · Sociological Thinkers · Talcott Parsons- Social system, pattern variables

(a)

20 marks

According to Mead the idea of self develops when the individual becomes self-conscious. Explain.

20 Marks · Sociological Thinkers · Mead- Self and identity

(b)

20 marks

Analyse the nature of transition from ideology to identity politics India.

20 Marks · Politics and Society · Protest, agitation, social movements, collective action, revolution.

(c)

10 marks

How do little tradition and great tradition coexist in contemporary Indian society?

10 Marks · Religion and Society · Religion in modern society: religion and science, secularization, religious revivalism, fundamentalism.

7.

(a)

20 marks

Critically analyse Parsons views on society as a social system.

20 Marks · Sociological Thinkers · Talcott Parsons- Social system, pattern variables

(b)**20 marks**

Discuss how 'environmentalism' can be explained with new social movements approach.

20 Marks · Politics and Society · Protest, agitation, social movements, collective action, revolution.

(c)**10 marks**

Illustrate with examples the role of pressure groups in the formulation of social policies,

10 Marks · Politics and Society · Protest, agitation, social movements, collective action, revolution.

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

Sociologists argue for democratization of science and technology for inclusive development. Comment.

20 Marks · Education System & Social change · Science, Technology and Social change

(b)**20 marks**

Are traditional social institutions getting weakened as agents of social change in the contemporary society? Substantiate.

20 Marks · Education System & Social change · Science, Technology and Social change

(c)**10 marks**

How do you understand the relationship between patriarchy and social development?

10 Marks · System of Kinship · Patriarchy and sexual division of labour