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STUDY MATERIAL

UPSC Sociology Optional 2022 Paper II Previous Year Questions

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SECTION—A

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

(a)

Elaborate on M.N. Srinivas's structural-functionalist approach to the study of Indian society

10 Marks · Introducing Indian Society · Perspectives on the Study of Indian Society

(b)

Do you agree that the agrarian class structure in India is changing? Justify your answer with illustrations.

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

(b)

Do you agree that the agrarian class structure in India is changing? Justify your answer with illustrations.

10 Marks · Social Structure: · Tribal Communities in India

(d)

In the context of the changing Indian society, how do you view Andre Beteille's conceptions of harmonic and disharmonic social structures?

10 Marks · Social Structure: · Caste System

2.

(a)

20 marks

Critically examine G.S. Ghurye's Indological approach to the understanding of Indian society.

20 Marks · Introducing Indian Society · Perspectives on the Study of Indian Society

(c) **10 marks**

Discuss the problems of religious minorities in India and suggest measures to solve them. 10

10 Marks · Social Structure: · Religion and Society

3.

(b) **20 marks**

Discuss the material basis of patriarchy as an ideological system.

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

(c) **10 marks**

Explain different forms of untouchability in India

10 Marks · Social Structure: · Caste System

4.

(a) **20 marks**

Examine the social background of growth of Indian nationalism.

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

(b) **20 marks**

Explain how land reforms brought about desired agrarian transformation.

20 Marks · Social Changes in India: · Rural and Agrarian Transformation in India

(c) **10 marks**

Discuss the challenges during village studies in India.

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

SECTION—B**5. Answer the following questions in about 150 words each (10x5=50)****(a)**

Discuss law as an important instrument for women's empowerment.

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

(b)

Examine different understandings of secularisation in India

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

(c)

How do you view the growth of informal sector in India?

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

(d)

Discuss the role of pressure groups in strengthening democracy

10 Marks · Social Changes in India: · Population Dynamics

(e)

What role do co-operatives play in poverty alleviation in rural India?

10 Marks · Social Changes in India: · Rural and Agrarian Transformation in India

6.**(a)****10 marks**

Examine whether rural bondage still continues to be a social reality. Give your argument.

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

(b)**20 marks**

Define ethnicity. Discuss the factors responsible for the growth of ethnic movements in India. 20

20 Marks · Social Structure: · Tribal Communities in India

(ii.6c)

20 marks

Discuss the changing nature of structure of political elites.

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

7.

(a)

20 marks

"Instead of promoting equality in society, the present system of education itself has contributed to increased socio-economic disparities." Comment. 20

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

(b)

20 marks

Discuss recent trends in the structure of migration. 20

20 Marks · Social Changes in India: · Population Dynamics

(c)

10 marks

Discuss different forms of deprivation associated with slums.

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

8.

(a)

20 marks

Bring out the various issues involved in Dalit movements in India. 20

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

(b)

20 marks

Critically examine environment'. the dialectics between 'development and environment. 20

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

(c)**10 marks**

Discuss the changing nature of Industrial working class.

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