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STUDY MATERIAL

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SECTION—A

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

(a)

Highlight the significant features of A.R. Desai's 'Dialectical Perspective' to study Indian Society.

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

(b)

“The decade of 1950 was the golden period of village studies in Indian Sociology.” Explain the statement.

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

(c)

Analyse the difference between the attributional and interactional approach in studying the caste system.

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

(d)

Are Tradition and Modernity antithetical to each other? Comment.

10 Marks · Social Structure: · Caste System

(e)

Discuss the main features of Land Reforms in post-independence India.

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

2.

(a)

10 marks

Do you agree with the view of Andre Beteille that India's villages are representative of Indian society's basic civilizational values? Present a sociological overview.

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

(b)

20 marks

Elaborate the salient features and the role of middle class in India's democracy and development.

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

(c)

10 marks

Analyse the role of market and modern forces in understanding the changing trends in marriage systems in India.

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

3.

(a)

20 marks

Contextualize Louis Dumont's concept of 'binary opposition' with reference to caste system in India.

20 Marks · Social Structure: · Caste System

(b)

20 marks

South Indian Kinship systems with examples.

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

(c)

10 marks

Critically examine the concept of Sanskritization with suitable illustrations.

10 Marks · Social Structure: · Caste System

4.

(a)

20 marks

Analyse the perspectives of Isolation. Assimilation and integration in understanding the trajectories of India Tribal Development.

20 Marks · Social Structure: · Tribal Communities in India

(b)

20 marks

Explain the and the implication and the impact of globalization in situating the changing agrarian class structure in India.

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

(c)

10 marks

Critique the victory narratives of Green Revolution in the context of Indian society.

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

SECTION—B

5.

(a)

10 marks

Citing some case studies, expand the concept of 'Development-induced Displacement'.

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

(b)

20 marks

Examine the concept of 'Cultural Pluralism' in the context of India's Unity in Diversity.

20 Marks · Social Structure: · Systems of Kinship in India

(c)

10 marks

Highlight the salient features of the New Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

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

(d)

10 marks

Analyse the sociological interconnections between Social Media and Mass Mobilization in India.

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

(e)

10 marks

Discuss the nature of regional variations in sex ratio in India. Stating reasons thereof.

10 Marks · Social Changes in India: · Population Dynamics

6.

(a)

20 marks

How do you account for the increasing significance of religion in public and personal spheres in the context of secularization thesis in India? Explain.

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

(b)

20 marks

In the face of rising global climatic concerns. how do you contextualize the relevance of Chipko Movement and its Gandhian tone? Answer analytically.

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

(c)

10 marks

What actionable measures would you suggest to curb the recurrent child labour menace in India?

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

7.

(a)

20 marks

in strengthening India's democracy? Substantiate your arguments with facts.

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

(b)

20 marks

What is 'reverse migration'? Discuss its features, causes and consequences in India.

20 Marks · Social Changes in India: · Population Dynamics

(c) **10 marks**

Discuss the phenomenon of rural-urban continuum with suitable examples.

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

8.

(a) **20 marks**

Explain the thematic linkages between 'Patriarchy' and 'Honour killing' in India, citing some recent cases.

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

(b) **20 marks**

Discuss the challenges faced by the cooperative movements in India. Suggest measures to strengthen the movement at the grass-roots level.

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

(c) **10 marks**

What is 'Ageing'? Discuss the major problems of aged people in India.

10 Marks · Social Changes in India: · Population Dynamics