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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)

What, according to you, are the factors responsible for the continuance of caste system in India? Explain.

10 Marks · Social Structure: · Caste System

(b)

Discuss the change taking place in the industrial class structure in India.

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

(c)

Is patriarchy a key to understanding different forms of inequalities in Indian society? Elaborate.

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

(d)

Do you think that family bondings are being affected by the changing kinship patterns in India? Comment

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

(e)

Despite the efforts of the government, bonded labour still continues in India. Discuss.

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

2.

(a)

20 marks

Differentiate between 'Western' and 'Indological' perspectives on the study of Indian society. Bring out the major aspects of G. S. Ghurye's contribution to 'Indological' approach.

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

(b)

20 marks

What are the definitional problems involved in identifying tribes in India? Discuss the main obstacles to tribal development in India

20 Marks · Social Structure: · Tribal Communities in India

(c)

10 marks

What, according to Andre Beteille, are the bases of agrarian class structure in India? Analyse.

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

3.

(a)

20 marks

Why is the study of marriage important in Sociology'? Analyse the implications of changing marriage patterns for Indian society.

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

(b)

20 marks

Do you the constitutional provisions for women have led to their uplift? Give reasons for your answer.

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

(c)

10 marks

Education is a key to social development. Elucidate.

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

4.

(a)

20 marks

How do religious communities contribute to the cultural diversity of India?

20 Marks · Social Structure: · Religion and Society

(b)

20 marks

What do you understand by decentralisation of power? What is its role in strengthening the roots of democracy in India? Elaborate.

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

(c)

10 marks

What are the different forms of untouchability still practised in India? Discuss with suitable illustrations.

10 Marks · Social Structure: · Caste System

SECTION—B

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

(a)

Examine with suitable examples the recent trends in the growth of urban settlements in India.

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

(b)

Is there a connection between labour migration and informal sector? Justify your answer with reference to Indian context.

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

(c)

Are slums the manifestations of industrialisation and urbanisation in India?

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

(d)

Discuss the changing nature of political elites in India.

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

(e)

What is your assessment about the recent farmers' movement in India? Elaborate.

10 Marks · Social Changes in India: · Social Movements in Modern India

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

Discuss the major challenges related to women's reproductive health in India. What measures would you suggest to overcome these challenges?

20 Marks · Social Changes in India: · Population Dynamics

(b)**20 marks**

What is sustainable development? How can sustainability be achieved in India where livelihood needs conflict with environmental protection?

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

(c)**10 marks**

Critically examine the relevance 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

7.**(a)****20 marks**

Analyse the trilogy between environmental movement, development and tribal identity.

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

(b)**20 marks**

To what extent have the legal provisions been effective in curbing violence against women in India?

Give your argument.

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

(c) **10 marks**

Trace the social and historical origins of Dalit movements in modern India.

10 Marks · Social Changes in India: · Social Movements in Modern India

8.

(a) **20 marks**

Highlight the major contributions of the reform movements in pre-independent India.

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

(b) **20 marks**

Identify different forms of inequalities associated with agrarian social structure in India.

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

(c) **10 marks**

What are pressure groups? Discuss their role in decision-making in democracy.

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