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STUDY MATERIAL

UPSC Sociology Optional 2025 Paper II Previous Year Questions

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SECTION—A

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

(a)

Textual perspective is important in understanding of Indian Social System. Discuss.

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

(b)

Justify that the Indian traditions are modernizing. Also discuss its contributing factors.

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

(c)

According to you, which social reform movement has played the most effective role in modernizing Indian women? Explain.

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

(d)

How did Colonial Policies for the tribes affect their socio-economic conditions in India? Discuss.

10 Marks · Social Structure: · Tribal Communities in India

(e)

How would you appropriate to characterise G. S. Ghurye as a practitioner of 'theoretical pluralism'?

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

2.

(a)

20 marks

Do you think that in a society like India orthogenetic changes take place through differentiation? Do you observe continuities in the orthogenetic process? Elaborate your answer with suitable examples.

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

(b) **20 marks**

Agrarian class structure has been undergoing changes due to modern forces. Critically examine.

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

(c) **10 marks**

How same sex marriages are responsible for population dynamics in India? Discuss.

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

3.

(a) **20 marks**

What do you mean by nation building? What is the role of religion in nation building? Elaborate your answer.

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

(b) **20 marks**

Do you think that the new economic reforms of British rule have disrupted the old economic system of India? Substantiate your answer with suitable examples.

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

(c) **10 marks**

Describe the main features of Indian new middle class. How is it different from the old middle class?

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

4.

(a) **20 marks**

Who is said to be the pioneer of village studies in India? Illustratively describe contributions of some Indian sociologists on village studies. How their approaches are different from each other?

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

(b) 20 marks

with this statement? Analyze.

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

SECTION—B

5.

(a) 20 marks

“The transfer of land from cultivating to the non-cultivating owners is bringing about transformation in Indian society.” Justify your answer by giving suitable illustrations.

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

(b) 10 marks

Bring out various factors responsible for declining of village industries in India.

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

(c) 10 marks

Discuss the social bases of political mobilization in Independent India. Has some change occurred in these during the last 60–70 years?

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

(d) 10 marks

What are the major problems faced by the labour migrants while working in informal sectors of Indian States? Discuss.

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

(d)**10 marks**

What are the major problems faced by the labour migrants while working in informal sectors of Indian States? Discuss

10 Marks · Social Changes in India: · Population Dynamics

(e)**10 marks**

Do you think that law has been able to abolish child labour in India? Comment.

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

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

In what respects have the constitutional provisions changed the socio-economic and political conditions of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in India? Critically examine.

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

(b)**20 marks**

Discuss the trend of urbanization in India. Do you think that Industrialization is the only precondition of urbanization? Give your arguments.

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

(c)**10 marks**

Which measures would you suggest for preventing caste conflicts in India? Justify your view.

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

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

What are the Private and Public network and support systems operative in Indian society for care givers? Discuss their role and the challenges before care givers.

20 Marks · Social Changes in India: · Population Dynamics

(b)**20 marks**

examine the above statement with reference to NEP-2020.

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

(c)**10 marks**

How Dalit movements in India have facilitated their Identity formation? Analyze.

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

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

Is it possible to have sustainable development in India? Cite major environmental issues and suggest a few measures to achieve the sustainability.

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

(b)**10 marks**

What are the Indian government’s schemes launched for poverty alleviation after the United Nation’s Declaration of ‘Sustainable Development Goals – 2015’? Briefly describe

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

(b)**20 marks**

Do you think that forced displacement of labourers has caused their deprivation and resultant inequalities during the recent past years? Elaborate.

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