



QUESTION WISE REFLECTION OF 2024 SOCIOLOGY PAPER – I

Q No	UPSC QUESTIONS SOCIO PAPER I - 2024	CLOSE REFLECTIONS IN 2024 TEST SERIES		QUESTION ASKED in our 2024 TEST SERIES
		NATURE OF REFLECTION	QUESTION NO	
SECTION A				
1(a)	Discuss the nature of sociology. Highlight its relationship with social Anthropology. (10)	DIRECT	TEST 1. Q 1(c)	Do you think that the boundary line between sociology and social anthropology is blurred? Justify your answer.
1(b)	Analyse the changing nature of caste as a status group. (10)	THEME	TEST 7 Q 1 (e)	Describe the correlation between status and hierarchy
1(c)	Marriage as an institution has undergone a radical transformation from `ritual' to `commercial' in its outlook. Explain the factors behind this change. (10)	DIRECT	TEST 4. Q 4(b) TEST 7. Q 8(a)	Examine the social consequences of desacrilisation of marriages. No society gives absolute freedom to its members to select their partners. Examine the changing rules of marriage

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1(d)	Democracy needs a vibrant culture of civil society in order to strengthen its foundation of citizenship. Comment. (10)	THEME	TEST 5 Q3 (b) SAP DAY 19 Q1	Elaborate on social citizenship and examine the significance of citizenship in modern democracies. Does citizenship guarantee social equality? Argue with T H Marshall's conception of citizenship.
1(e)	What are the basic and irreducible functions of the family as proposed by Talcott Parsons? Explain. (10)	NO		
2(a)	Sociology is the product of European enlightenment and Renaissance. Critically examine this statement. (20)	DIRECT	TEST 9. Q 1(a)	Explain how modernity has impacted the emergence of sociology as a distinct discipline.
2(b)	Do you think 'objectivity' is an over-hyped idea in sociological research? Discuss the merits and demerits of non-positivist methods. (20)	THEME	TEST 9. Q 4(c) TEST 7. Q 1(b)	What is objectivity? How can bias tamper with objectivity of sociological research? Is interpretative sociology value free? Justify your answer.
2(c)	What is social mobility? Critically examine the classification of 'closed' and 'open' models of social stratification. (10)	DIRECT	TEST 9. Q 3(b) TEST 1. Q 4(b)	What are open and closed systems? Argue on the relevance social mobility achieved in closed systems. What is social mobility? How can it be achieved?

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3(a)	How do you view and assess the increasing trend of digital ethnography and use of visual culture in sociological research? (20)	THEME	TEST 10. Q 5(A)	Are movies and popular culture the vehicles of hegemonic masculinity? Discuss
3(b)	Describe the main idea of Max Weber's book, 'The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism' as a critique of Marxism. (20)	DIRECT	TEST 3. Q 1(d) TEST 9. Q 2(a)	How does Weber use causal explanations in his "The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism"? Discuss distinct sociological method adopted by Weber in his study of 'Protestant Ethics'.
3(c)	Critically explain the salient features of 'alienation' as propounded by Karl Marx. (10)	DIRECT	TEST 3 Q 2(b)	"Migrants workers see themselves as prisoners of market forces over which they have no control." How can you use Marxian theory to describe the situation of such workers in India?
4(a)	What do you understand by 'mixed method'? Discuss its strengths and limitations in social research.(20)	DIRECT	TEST 1 Q 3 (b)	Can methodological pluralism be considered as a panacea for research problems? Justify your answer with suitable illustrations.
4(b)	Define the concept of 'gig' economy and discuss its impact on labour market and workers' social security net. (20)	THEME	TEST 8 Q 8(c) SAP DAY 11 Q 2	Examine the impact of platform or gig economy on workers in India. Examine the Durkheimian theory of division of labour. Can it be used to understand the present scenario of gig economy work?

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4(c)	Critically assess the impact of technological advancement and automation on the nature of work and employment. (10)	DIRECT	GOOD ANSWERS COPY UNIT 6 PAGE 11 TEST 5 Q 4(D) TEST 10 2(C)	Increasing use of automation has impacted work organisation in capitalist societies Discuss. Critically analyze the social impact and possibilities of Artificial Intelligence technology. How has automation impacted industrial class structure in India?
SECTION B				
5(a)	Describe various characteristics of a 'social fact'. How is rate of suicide a social fact according to Durkheim? (10)	DIRECT	TEST 3 Q 1(b) SAP DAY 11 Q1	What are social facts? Do you agree to the view that religion is a social fact? Do you agree to the view that Durkheim's theorisation of suicide opened a pandora's box?
5(b)	Explain G.H. Mead's idea of development of 'self' through the 'generalised other'. (10)	DIRECT	TEST 3. Q 5(c) SAP DAY 12 Q 1	Substantiate on the view 'The Self is a Historical Product of Dialectical Attunement' Use Mead's theory to account for identity

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				formation among the LGBTQ+ community.
5(c)	Describe the differing principles of work organization in feudal and Capitalist societies. (10)	THEME	SAP DAY 9 Q1	How was work organised in a slave society in contrast to that of a feudal society?
5(d)	How is 'power' different from authority? Discuss various authorities as theorized by Max Weber. (10)	THEME	TEST 3 Q1 (c)	Write a note on charismatic authority in contemporary politics.
5(e)	Critically examine the roles of science and technology in social change. What is your opinion on their increasing trend in 'online' education and teaching? (10)	DIRECT	TEST 9 Q 8 (B) UNIT 10 GOOD ANSWERS PAGE 75	Explain the role of culture and technology in social change. Is online education truly liberating?
6(a)	Underline the role of social media in contemporary social movements and describe its challenge. (20)	THEME	TEST 5 Q 6(c) TEST 9. Q 6(b) TEST 7 Q 5(b)	Examine the tendencies towards weaponisation of social media. Critically examine the role and influence of 'new media' on democracy with suitable illustrations. How do new social movements impact democracy?
6(b)	How does a multicultural society accommodate diversities of all kinds	THEME	TEST 8 Q 2(C)	Elaborate on J P S Uberoi's contributions to Indian Pluralism.

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	ethnic, linguistic and religious? Discuss its major challenges. (20)			
6(c)	Discuss the concept of animism-and differentiate it from naturism. (10)	THEME	TEST 5 Q1 (e)	Discuss the modern forms of Animism and Monism.
7(a)	Do modernization and secularization necessarily go together? Give your views. (20)	THEME	TEST 7 Q6(b) SAP DAY 20 TEST 9 Q5 (a) TEST 5 Q1(d)	Religion is a universal and indispensable social institution. Comment on the elan of religion in social progress and development Has religion lost its social significance in the world? Substantiate Comment on the dynamics between secularisation and religiosity Has secularization captured the space of religion?
7(b)	How do you understand the phenomena of the mushrooming of sects and cults in contemporary society? Discuss the factors responsible for the trend.(20)	DIRECT	TEST 5 Q 4 (c)	Explain factors driving for the rise of new age sects and cults.

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7(c)	Discuss the dimensions of power in the construction and maintenance of social hierarchies in a society. (10)	THEME	TEST 7 Q2 (a) TEST 5 Q1 (b)	Examine the pluralist and post-modern perspective of power as a critique to the elite theories? Who are neo elites? Analyse the contemporary relevance of elite circulation.
8(a)	Modern families have not just become nuclear and neo-local, but also filiocentric. How do you explain this trend? (20)	THEME	TEST 5 Q 6 (a) TEST 5 Q 5 (c)	Describe how the emergence of new forms of family and marriage have changed the typical image of a conventional monolithic families. Trace the significance of filial-piety in the era of symmetrical family.
8(b)	Discuss various theories of social change. Explain the limitations of unilinear theory of social change. (20)	THEME	TEST 5 Q 4 (a)	What is cyclical theory? Which model of social change is most relevant today?
8(c)	Critically examine the World-Systems theory of Immanuel Wallerstein in terms of development and dependency of various nations. (10)	DIRECT	SAP DAY 22 Q1 TEST 7 Q7 (b)	Elaborate on Wallerstein's views on development and dependency How is un-development different from under-development? Explain how Immanuel Wallerstein further advanced the concepts of underdevelopment. Comment.

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