



UPSC 2024 MAINS (OPTIONAL)

SOCIOLOGY- PAPER II

SECTION A

Q1. Answer the following questions in about 150 words each:

(10 x 5 = 50)

- (a) What, according to you, are the factors responsible for the continuance of caste system in India? Explain. 10
- (b) Discuss the changes taking place in the industrial class structure in India. 10
- (c) Is patriarchy a key to understanding different forms of inequalities in Indian society? Elaborate. 10
- (d) Do you think that family bondings are being affected by the changing kinship patterns in India? Comment. 10
- (e) Despite the efforts of the government, bonded labour still continues in India. Discuss. 10

Q2.

- (a) 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



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- (b) What are the definitional problems involved in identifying tribes in India? Discuss the main obstacles to tribal development in India. 20
- (c) What, according to Andre Beteille, are the bases of agrarian class structure in India? Analyse. 10

Q3.

- (a) Why is the study of marriage important in Sociology? Analyse the implications of changing marriage patterns for Indian society. 20
- (b) Do you think that the constitutional provisions for women have led to their uplift? Give reasons for your answer. 20
- (c) Education is a key to social development. Elucidate. 10

Q4.

- (a) How do religious communities contribute to the cultural diversity of India? 20
- (b) What do you understand by decentralization of power? What is its role in strengthening the roots of democracy in India? Elaborate. 20
- (c) What are the different forms of untouchability still practiced in India? Discuss with suitable illustrations. 10



SECTION B

Q5. Answer the following questions in about 150 words each:

(10 x 5 = 50)

- (a) Examine with suitable examples the recent trends in the growth of urban settlement in India. 10
- (b) Is there a connection between labour migration and informal sector? Justify your answer with reference to Indian context. 10
- (c) Are slums the manifestations of industrialisation and urbanization in India? Explain. 10
- (d) Discuss the changing nature of political elites in India. 10
- (e) What is your assessment about the recent farmers' movement in India? Elaborate. 10

Q6.

- (a) Discuss the major challenges related to women's reproductive health in India. What measures would you suggest to overcome these challenges? 20
- (b) What is sustainable development? How can sustainability be achieved in India where livelihood needs conflict with environmental protection? 20
- (c) Critically examine the relevance of development planning in India. 10



Q7.

- (a) Analyse the trilogy between environmental movement, development and tribal identity. 20
- (b) To what extent have the legal provisions been effective in curbing violence against women in India? Give your argument. 10
- (c) Trace the social and historical origins of Dalit movements in modern India. 10

Q8.

- (a) Highlight the major contributions of the reform movements in pre-independent India. 20
- (b) Identify different forms of inequalities associated with agrarian social structure in India. 20
- (c) What are pressure groups? Discuss their role in decision – making in democracy. 10