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FOR THE 10th TIME IN A ROW

All India Sociology Toppers Since 2011

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ALL INDIA SOCIOLOGY TOPPER

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PAPER I - 150
PAPER II - 171

TOTAL MARKS **321**

CIVIL SERVICES EXAM 2018



PRIYANKA BOTHRA
289/500 - 2017



VASANTH MESHACH
284/500 - 2017



ANU
308/500 - 2016



ANKIT ASOKAN
303/500 - 2016



VAITHINATHAN
262/500 - 2015



SHARANYA ARI
256/500 - 2015



ATUL KULKARNI
286/500 - 2014



S.SELVANAGARATHINAM
272/500 - 2014



R.BASKARAN
197/300 - 2012



T.RAMKUMAR
198/300 - 2011



SOCIOLOGY

Hit List-2019

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PAPER I

SHORT NOTES (10 markers)

1. Sociology and philosophy /History /Economics/Anthroplogy/Psychology
2. Sociology as interpretative science
3. Positivism & Non Positivism
4. Problems of objectivity
5. Techniques of data collection- Social surveys, Participant observation, Questionnaires, sampling and Interviews.
6. Reliability and validity.
7. Hypothesis
8. Social Facts(E.Durkheim)
9. Class in itself and Class for itself
10. AGIL model of Parsons.
11. Latent and Manifest functions
12. Reference groups and Relative deprivation
13. Social stratification- Class ,Status ,Gender, Ethnicity and Race as dimensions
14. Status inconsistency in Modern societies
15. Globalisation : Growing Poverty ,inequality and social Exclusion
16. Types of Mobility –Vertical, horizontal, intergenerational
17. Social organization of work in feudal and capitalist society.
18. Asiatic modes of production
19. Social determinants of Economic development
20. Informal organization of work
21. Legitimate Authority, Bureaucracy and dysfunction of Bureaucracy
22. Democracy and civil society
23. Difference between Pressure group and Political parties
24. Power Elite
25. Globalisation and Citizenship

26. Globalisation and New Social movements
27. Sects and cults
28. Gender roles in changing structure of family
29. Sex Vs Gender / The problem of gender
30. LGBT
31. Agents of social change - Science and technology, Ideology

LONG ANSWERS (20 markers)

1. Intellectual background , World revolution and emergence of sociology
2. Religion : Durkheim Vs Weber
3. Division of Labour : Durkheim Vs Karl Marx
4. Comparison of Alienation(Karl Marx), Anomie (Durkheim) and Rationalisation (Weber)
5. Mode of production (Karl Marx)
6. Class struggle (Karl Marx Vs Weber)
7. Protestant ethics and spirit of capitalism(Weber)
8. Ideal Type (Weber)
9. Social Action (Weber and Parsons)
10. Social System and Equilibrium (Parsons)
11. Social structure and anomie(R.K. Merton and Durkheim)
12. Critiques to Classical Functionalism by R.K. Merton (Functional Paradigm)
13. Davis and Moore theory of social stratification
14. Melvin Tumin's criticism of functional theories of social stratification.
15. Social stratification: Karl Marx Vs Weber.
16. Open society – Closed society debate
17. Threats to Nationalism Today (Globalization Perspective)
18. Globalization and power of the nation State
19. Democracy and Identity Politics
20. Secularization and Cultural Nationalism/pluralism
21. Religious revivalism and fundamentalism.
22. Religion and science
23. Changing family and marriage today /Threats
24. Patriarchy and sexual division of labour/Feminist movements
25. Development and dependency
26. Compare Marxian and Weberian theories of social change
27. Compare Marxian and Parsonian views on social change
28. Tradition and Modernity in social change/Structural constraints to social change



PAPER II

SHORT NOTES (10 markers)

1. Sanskritisation and Westernisation
2. Universalisation and Parochialisation
3. Little tradition and Great tradition
4. Homohierarchicus / Purity and Pollution (Louis Dumont)
5. Self-Respect Movement
6. SNDP Movement
7. Dominant Caste and politics
8. Caste and politics (Vote banks)
9. Reservation/Protective discrimination/Women's reservation
10. Caste among non-Hindus
11. Sociology of Intercaste marriages / Caste conflicts / Honour killing
12. Marriage as sacrament and Marriage as a contract
13. Industrial class structure -Working class mobilization
14. Integration/Assimilation of Tribes – Problem of Tribal identity
15. Tribe and Caste - Comparison /Continuum.
16. Tribalisation and religious conversion of Particularly vulnerable tribal groups
17. Development induced displacement of tribes /rural landless farmers
18. Reproductive health / Child and Infant mortality/Maternity Benefit Act 2016.
19. Son meta preference and declining child sex ratio
20. Problems of bondage
21. Urbanisation /Slums/Smart cities
22. Culture of poverty.
23. Rural poverty
24. Globalisation and Informalisation of work.
25. Feminisation of work/agriculture/politics
26. Child labour/Child labour Act 2016
27. Child sexual abuse / POCSO Act 2012
28. Political Elites
29. Pressure groups and Civil society in India.
30. Educational inequalities /Privatisation of Education
31. Dr.B.R.Ambedkar (Annihilation of caste) Vs Mahatma Gandhi on Caste/Varna.
32. Dalit.capitalism.
33. Rising Violence against Dalit /Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989



34. Structural factors behind violence / Sexual Harassment against women/Nirbhaya judgement
35. Constitution, law and social change
36. Equal laws for Women/Patriarchy and entitlements
37. Triple talaq and Uniform civil code
38. Manual Scavenging/Swachh Bharat
39. Intolerance in India today
40. Social consequences of market economy
41. Generation gap /Youth unrest today
42. Social media network.

LONG ANSWERS (20 markers)

1. Indology (G.S.Ghurye)
2. Structure functionalism (M.N.Srinivas)
3. Modernization of Indian tradition - Coexistence of Tradition and Modernity
4. Perspectives on the study of caste systems: Louis Dumont and Andre Beteille
5. Family/Marriage Changes / crisis in India Today(Impact of Urbanisation/Industrialisation/Globalisation)
6. Patriarchy and women - Changing status of women / Women's movement
7. Changing Modes of Production in Indian Agriculture – Green revolution/Globalisation/Capitalism
8. Programmes of rural development, Community Development Programme, cooperatives
9. Poverty, deprivation, inequalities and poverty alleviation schemes
10. Relation between Poverty and social structure (Gender, Caste, Tribe and religious minorities)
11. Globalisation and rising inequalities/Poverty
12. Regionalism and decentralization of power
13. Demography and social structure - Constraints (Population policy/ Family planning)
14. Nature of Secularism – Threats today – Cultural/ Ethno/Hyper Nationalism
15. Communalism, religious revivalism and Ethnic conflicts
16. Uneven development and Tribal unrest
17. Farmers Suicide and Agrarian Unrest today
18. Backward Classes Movements in South India and North India
19. Dalit consciousness today
20. Ethnicity and Identity movements
21. Crisis of development: displacement, environmental problems and sustainability



ROAD TO 300+ MARKS IN SOCIOLOGY:

- 1) ALL QUESTIONS IN BOTH PAPERS NEEDS CONTEMPORARY DIMENSIONS (Globalization)
- 2) ATTEMPT ALL THINKERS QUESTION IN PAPER 1
- 3) DIRECTLY LIFT SOCIOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVES/JARGONS FROM PAPER 1 TO WRITE PAPER 2 ANSWERS
- 4) NEVER WRITE G.S ANSWERS IN SOCIOLOGY (especially in paper 2)
- 5) LINK SOCIAL ISSUES WITH SOCIOLOGY
- 6) CITE ILLUSTRATIONS/EXAMPLES
- 7) COMPLETE THE PAPER

YOUR ACTION INSIDE EXAM HALL:

- 1) Before starting to write the answer read the question 5 times to understand fully.
- 2) Underline the key words in question and often repeat in the answer directly and indirectly
- 3) Your first answer should be your best answer.
- 4) Write long answers first and then start writing short notes

TIME MANAGEMENT:

- 1) 9 am – 9:10 am : Read the question paper fully
- 2) Write every Long answer for 15 min (6 long answers X 15 min = 90 min)
- 3) Write every Short notes for 6 min (13 Short notes X 6 min = 78 min)

PREDICT THE UNPREDICTABLE:

- 1) UPSC MAY ASK 12 MARKERS AS SHORT NOTES INSTEAD OF 10 or 15 OR 20 MARKERS
- 2) SO READ THE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY
- 3) IN GENERAL FOLLOW THIS:
 - 1) WRITE LONG ANSWERS IN 90 Minutes (i.e 9 am to 10.30 am)
 - 2) WRITE SHORT NOTES IN 80 Minutes (i.e 10.30 am to 12 noon)

Wishing You All the Very Best

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