



SOCIOLOGY Hit List-2017

PAPER I

SHORT NOTES (10 markers)

1. Sociology and philosophy /History /Economics/Anthropology/Psychology
2. Sociology as interpretative science
3. Major theoretical strands of research methodology –Symbolic Interactionism
4. Problems of objectivity
5. Techniques of data collection- Social surveys,Questionaries and Interviews
6. Nomothetic and Idiographic methods
7. Reliability and Validity
8. Social Facts(E.Durkheim)
9. Sacred and Profane
10. Class in itself and Class for itself
11. AGIL
12. Latent and Manifest functions
13. Reference groups and Relative deprivation
14. Social stratification- Class ,Status ,Gender ,Ethnicity and Race as dimensions
15. Status inconsistency in Modern societies
16. Poverty and social Exclusion
17. Types of Mobility –Vertical ,horizontal,intergenerational
18. Social organization of work in feudal and capitalist society
19. Social determinants of Economic development
20. Informal organization of work
21. Legitimate Authority,Bureaucracy and dysfunction
22. Democracy and civil society
23. Difference between Pressure group and Political parties
24. Power Elite
25. Globalisation and Citizenship
26. Social movement,Protest and revolution
27. Sects and cults
28. Gender roles in changing structure of family
29. Sex Vs Gender / The problem of gender
30. Science and Technology and social change /Agents of social change

LONG ANSWERS (20 markers)

1. Intellectual background , World revolution and emergence of sociology
2. Methodology of Durkheim (Suicide)
3. Division of Labour (Durkheim Vs Karl Marx)
4. Comparison of Alienation(Karl Marx) ,Anomie (Durkheim) and Rationalisation (Weber)
5. Historical materialism (Karl Marx)
6. Class struggle (Karl Marx)
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)
12. Self and Society (G.H Mead)
13. Critiques to Classical Functionalism by R.K. Merton (Functional Paradigm)
14. Melvin Tumin's criticism of functional theories of social stratification
15. Open society – Closed society debate
16. Threats to Nationalism Today (Globalization Perspective)
17. Democracy and Identity Politics
18. Secularization and Cultural Nationalism
19. Religious revivalism and fundamentalism.
20. Religion and science
21. Changing family today
22. Patriarchy and sexual division of labour
23. Compare Marxian and Weberian theories of social change
24. Compare Marxian and Parsonian views on social change
25. Tradition and Modernity in 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. Reservation/Protective discrimination
9. Caste among non Hindus
10. Sociology of Intercaste marriages / Caste conflicts / Honour killing
11. Marriage as sacrament and Marriage as a contract
12. Industrial class structure -Working class mobilization
13. Integration/Assimilation of Tribes – Problem of Tribal identity
14. Tribes and Caste - Comparison
15. Development induced displacement of tribes /rural landless farmers
16. Reproductive health / Child and Infant mortality
17. Problems of bondage
18. Urbanisation /Slums/Culture of poverty
19. Globalisation and Informalisation of work
20. Child labour
21. Child sexual abuse / POCSO Act 2012



22. Political Elites
23. Pressure groups and Civil society in India
24. Educational inequalities /Privatisation of Education
25. Dr.B.R.Ambedkar (Annihilation of caste) Vs Mahatma Gandhi on Caste/Varna
26. Structural factors behind violence / Sexual Harassment against women
27. Constitution, law and social change
28. Equal laws for Women/Patriarchy and entitlements
29. Triple talaq and Uniform civil code
30. Manual Scavenging
31. Intolerance in India today
32. Social consequences of market economy
33. Generation gap /Youth unrest today
34. Social media network

LONG ANSWERS (20markers)

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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