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**HIT LIST SOIOLOGY 2018**

UPSC-SOCIOLOGY-2018		SMART SOCIOLOGY TEST BATCH-2018		HIT LIST-2018		
No.	Questions	Test No.- Question No.	Questions	Short Notes/ Long Answer No.	Topics	Page number in Smart Sociology books
<b>PAPER - I</b>						
1) a.	The focal point of Sociology rests on interaction. How do you distinguish it from common sense?	Test-1 Q.No.1a	Common sense is not always "common," nor "sensible." Critically discuss	Short Notes (1)	Sociology and common sense	1.22-1.25  Paper-1 volume -1
1) b.	Distinguish between fact and value in Weber's Protestant Ethic and Spirit of Capitalism.	Test. 1 Q.No1 b, 1e  Test-11 (Mock Test) Q. No.1a	Do you think that studying unobservable meanings and motives is perfectly compatible with a scientific subject?  Problems of objectivity	Short Notes (3)  Short Notes (5)	Sociology as interpretative science  Problems of objectivity	2.43-2.47  Paper-1 Volume-1
1) c.	Do you think 'I' and 'Me' are central terms in Mead's work?	Test. 5 Q. No.5a  Test. 9 Q. No.3e	"No individual has a mind which operates simply in itself, in isolation from the social life process in which it has arisen or out of which it has emerged."Analyse  Self and society	Long Answer (13)	Self and Society (G.H Mead )	4.116-4.119  Paper-1 Volume-1
1) d.	What is the difference between natural and social inequality? Give examples from caste and class dimensions.	Test. 7 Q. No.1a	Class and status	Short Notes (13)	Social stratification- Class,Status, Gender,Ethnicity and Race as dimensions	5.04-05  Paper-1 Volume-1
1) e.	What are the new forms of family in developed societies? Discuss	Test. 7 Q. No.5a	Families will continue to change and adapt according to cultural, socioeconomic and technological factors. Discuss	Long Answer (23)	Changing family and marriage today /Threats	9.32-9.38  Paper-1 Volume-2

		Mock Test- Paper I Test. 11 Q. No.7a	Changes to the family have meant that there are more different types of family today than ever before. In the light of this context, analyse the changing structure and function of family today.			
2) a.	Is non-positivistic methodology scientific? Illustrate.	Test. 1 Q. No.5b	Scientific knowledge about society could be used to improve human existence so that society could be run rationally . In the light of the above statement critically analyse the scientific status of sociology.	Short Notes (4)	Positivism & Symbolic Interactionism	2.24-2.42  Paper-1 Volume-1
2) b.	Explain Durkheim's basic arguments on suicide. Can you analyse high suicide rates of contemporary Indian society with Durkheim's theory?	Test. 1 Q. No.2b  Paper - II Test. 4 Q. No.5b	Suicide is a highly individual act, yet the motives for a suicide can be fully understood only by reference to the social context in which it occurs. Critically discuss  Durkheimian theory of suicide provide necessary explanation in the light of various agrarian unrests that operated on socio-economic lives of the deceased farmers who were left to the gruesome vagaries of Indian agriculture. Discuss.			4.09-4.15  Paper-1 Volume-1
2) c.	Evaluate if social stratification is functional for society.	Test. 7 Q. No.4a	Social stratification is both inevitable and functional for any social system .Critically analyse	Paper I Long Answer (23)	Davis and Moore theory of social stratification	5.08-5.09  Paper-1 Volume-1
3) a.	Does collapse of functionalism and bankruptcy of Marxism coincide with the rupture of modernity? Discuss.	Paper-II Test. 2 Q. No.5a, 5b	(a) Critically examine the Marxist methods in the treatment of Indian social structure and its processes. (Answer Page:43 to 46) (20	Paper II Long Answer (4)	Modernization of Indian tradition - Coexistence of Tradition and Modernity	1.32-1.38  Paper-2

			<p>Marks) (300 Words)</p> <p>(b) Explain how structure functional perspective is useful to understand the Indian society? Discuss its limitations</p> <p>Test. 10 Q. No.2b</p> <p>Critically analyse Marxian theory of class conflict. Do you think that Marxism is relevant to India today?</p> <p>Tradition and modernity are not always contrarian values. Discuss.</p>			
3) b.	Define patriarchy. How does patriarchy manifest in interpersonal relations?	<p>Test. 7 Q. No.2a</p> <p>Mock Test Paper - I Test-11 Q. No.8a</p>	<p>Patriarchy is more rigorous than class stratification and that it is the most pervasive ideology of culture. Examine</p> <p>For radical feminists patriarchy is a trans historical category that is independent set of social relations from class relations .On the other hand for Marxist feminists gender asymmetry is a derivative of capitalist class relations. Discuss</p>	Paper I Long Answer (24)	Patriarchy and sexual division of labour/Feminist movements	<p>9.48-9.52</p> <p>Paper-1 Volume-1</p> <p>7.105-7.106</p> <p>Paper-1 Volume-1</p>
3) c.	What is the difference between anomie in Merton and Durkheim? Explain.	Test-5 Q. No.4a, 4b	(a) The entire catalogue of proscribed behavior becomes increasingly common when the emphasis on the culturally induced success goal becomes divorced	Paper I Long Answer (11)	Patriarchy and sexual division of labour/Feminist movements	<p>9.48-9.52</p> <p>Paper-1 Volume-1</p> <p>7.105-7.106</p> <p>Paper-1 Volume-1</p>

			from a coordinated institutional emphasis. Discuss (b) Deviance is not a quality that lies in behaviour itself, but in the interaction between the person who commits an act and those who respond to it. Explain.			
4) a.	According to Marx, how are human beings alienated from their human potential and what does he suggest to change this?	Test-3 Q. No.5b	In the contemporary times, with development of science and technology and productivity by leaps and bounds, the practical activities of mankind have created immeasurable achievements, but, in the meantime, have also brought about numerous crises to the external environment where mankind lives. Analyse	Paper I Long Answer (4)	Comparison of Alienation(Karl Marx) , Anomie (Durkheim ) and Rationalisation (Weber)	4.47-4.51 4.15-4.22 4.56-4.67  Paper-1 Volume-1
4) b.	Schooling does not ensure upward mobility of all members of the society. Discuss with reference to class societies.	Test-8 Q. No.3a  Test-9 Q. No.3d	Education and inequality  Education and social change	Paper I Short Notes (29)  Paper II Short Notes (27)	Education and social change /Agents of social change  Educational inequalities /Privatisation of Education	10.13-10.16  Paper1 Volume-2
4). c.	Discuss the challenges thrown by religious revivalism to a secular nation-state.	Test-8 Q. No.2b	Fundamentalism is a reaction to secularization.Examine.	Paper I Long Answer (21)	Religious revivalism and fundamentalism.	8.81-8.83 8.93-8.95  Paper-1 Volume-2
5) a.	Is the theory of cultural lag valid in present times? Discuss.	Test-5 Q. No.5(b)	Parsons saw society in its natural state as being stable, balanced and moves toward a state of homeostasis. Explain			
5)	Are social	Test-8	Characteristics of new	Short	New Social	7.107-7.116

b.	movements primordial in means and progressive in agenda? Explain	Q. No.2c	social movements	Notes (25)	movement,Protest,collective action and revolution	Paper-1 Volume-2
5) c.	Does scientific method make Sociology a science? Illustrate your answer with Durkheim's method.	Test-1 Q. No.5b, 1d  Test 1 Q. No.1d  Test-1 Q. No.3d	Scientific knowledge about society could be used to improve human existence so that society could be run rationally . In the light of the above statement critically analyse the scientific status of sociology.  Durkheim conceived of sociology as the scientific study of a reality sui generis. Discuss  For Durkheim ,the most fundamental rule in social science is to consider social facts as things. Discuss	Short Notes (8)	Social Facts(E.Durkheim)	4.06-4.09  Paper-1 Volume-1
5) d.	Distinguish between quantitative and qualitative techniques of data collection with suitable examples from Indian society.			Short Notes (7)	Quantitative and Qualitative methods	3.03-3.19  Paper-1 Volume-1
5) e.	Is social mobility possible in closed systems of stratification? Illustrate from research work.	Test-7 Q. No.4b	The open-closed divide is very slippery. They are not necessarily opposites. We need to think in terms of points on a spectrum rather than in terms of absolutes. Discuss with illustrations	Long Answer (16)	Open society – Closed society debate	5.84-5.89  Paper-1 Volume-1
6) a.	Discuss the nature of social organization of work in capitalist society with reference to the 'Limits of the			Short Notes (17)	Social organization of work in feudal and capitalist society	6.03-6.12  Paper-1 Volume-2

	working day'.					
6) b.	Distinguish between family and household with reference to the concept of development of the household.	Mock Test: Paper- II Test-12 Q. No.2c	Family and house hold	Paper II Short Notes (16)	Family and house hold	9.03-9.04  Paper-1 Volume-2
7) a.	How can Parsons' AGIL framework be used to analyse key problems in a society? Discuss.	Test-5 Q. No.2c  Mock Test: Paper- I Test-11 Q. No.8c	Functional Prerequisites  AGIL	Short Notes (10)	AGIL	4.82-4.86  Paper-1 Volume-2
7) c.	What, according to Pareto, are the basic characteristics of elites? Discuss.	Test-9 Q. No.3a	The power elite	Short Notes (23)	Power Elite	7.22-7.32  Paper-1 Volume-2
8) b.	What are sects? Discuss their role in multi-religious societies with empirical examples.			Short Notes (26)	Sects and cults	8.44-8.46  Paper-1 Volume-2
8) c.	In what way did Durkheim perceive religion as functional to society?	Test-1 Q. No.5a	For Durkheim, all religions are true as they express the power of society. Critically discuss	Long Answer (2)	Religion : Durkheim Vs Weber	4.22-4.29 4.67-4.70 Paper-1 Volume-1

**PAPER – II**

1.a	Write a note on G.S. Ghurye's Indological perspective of understanding Indian society.	Test-2 Q. No.2a	Indian Society is unique in structure, function and dynamics and cannot be associated with the European Society. In the light of this statement examine how one can understand Indian Society through the concepts, theories and frameworks that are closely associated with Indian Civilization.	Long Answer (1)	Indology (G.S.Ghurye)	1.05-1.06  Paper-2
1.b	Give a critical analysis of Andre Beteille's study of Tanjore village.	Test-2 Q. No.1e  Mock	Caste as an asymmetrical system  Louis Dumont explains	Long Answer (5)	Perspectives on the study of caste systems: Louis Dumont and Andre Beteille	2.31-2.41  Paper-2

		Test-II Test-12 Q. No.3a	that the whole structure of caste arises from certain ideological predilections whereas for Andre Beteille caste, class and power, relate in different ways to the broader phenomenon of social stratification. Discuss.			
1.c	Media is the fourth pillar of democracy. Discuss.			Short Notes (37)	Social media network	
1.d	Write a note on the changing roles of middle-class women in India.	Test-7 Q. No 1(c)	Conjugal roles in modern society	Paper – II Long Answer (7)  Paper – I Short Notes (27)	Patriarchy and women - Changing status of women / Women’s movement  Gender roles in changing structure of family	3.107- 3.111  3.136- 3.447  Paper-2
1.e	Discuss the growth of religious sects in India.			Paper – I Short Notes (26)	Sects and cults	8.44-8.46  Paper-1 Volume-2
2.a	Analyze A.R. Desai’s views on India’s path of development.	Test-2 Q. No5a  Mock Test-II Test-12 Q. No.3b	Critically examine the Marxist methods in the treatment of Indian social structure and its processes.  Discuss how A.R.Desai used historical materialism to analyse the structural transformation of Indian society during the British and post-independence periods.	Long Answer (5)	Perspectives on the study of caste systems: Louis Dumont and Andre Beteille	2.31-2.41  Paper-2
2.b	Examine sociological dynamics of Champaran Peasant Movement in colonial India.					3.66-3.77  Paper 2
2.c	How do the recommendation	Test-6 Q. No.1b	Planned agrarian change			3.08-3.10



	s of Swaminathan Commission. (2004-2006) ensure food and nutrition security for the Indian masses?					Paper – 2
3.a	What do you understand by discrete castes and muddled hierarchies? Substantiate your answer with suitable illustrations.	Test-2 Q. No.1d  Q. No.1e	Caste and Inequalities  Caste as an asymmetrical system			2.45-2.51  Paper-2
3.b	Discuss development-induced displacement in the context of tribal uprising in India. Substantiate your answer with any one detailed illustration from India.	Test-10 Q. No.5b          Test-4 Q. No.5c	The millions of displaced people in India are nothing but refugees of an unacknowledged war. In the light of this statement analyse the problems of development induced displacement.  Forest rights Act and tribes	Short Notes (17)      Long Answer (17)  Long Answer (22)	Development induced displacement of tribes /rural landless farmers    Uneven development and Tribal unrest  Crisis of development: displacement environmental problems and sustainability	, 3.95-3.99  3.87-3.92  Paper-2
3.c	Illustrate the importance of 'Kanyadan' and 'Kulabadhu' in changing institutions of marriage and family.	Test-4 Q. No.4b	Is joint family structure being nuclearised in modern India? Critically discuss	Long Answer (6)	Family/Marriage Changes / crisis in India Today( Impact of Urbanisation/ Industrialisation/ Globalisation)	2.99-2.110 Paper-2
4.a	How has the New Economic Policy (1991) affected the lifestyle and life-chances of new middle class in India?	Test-4 Q. No.2a	Analyse the nature of emerging middle class in modern India			2.86-2.88  Paper – 2
4.b	Write a critical narrative on the concerns of religious minorities in India.					8.83-8.85  Paper – 1
5.a	Elaborate the	Test-2	Dr.B.R.Ambedkar on	Long	Dalit consciousness today	3.41-3.45

	concept of constitutional morality as given by B.R. Ambedkar	Q. No.3c	caste	Answer (20)		Paper-2
5.b	Construct a sociological narrative on the increasing trend of child abuse in India.			Short Notes (24)	Child sexual abuse / POCSO Act 2012	
5.c	Explain the dynamics of neo-farmers' movement in contemporary India.	Test-10 Q. No.4a	Critically discuss the nature, causes, and remedies for the agrarian crisis in India today.	Long Answer (18)	Farmers Suicide and Agrarian Unrest today	3.11-3.18 Paper-2
5.d	Assess the role of the State in promoting education of girl child.			Short Notes (27)	Educational inequalities /Privatisation of Education	3.06-3.08 Paper-2
5.e	Elaborate the 'Me Too' Movement and its impact in India.	Test-10 Q. No.5a	Women have been subordinated, subjugated, and exploited since the beginning of the civilization and is still facing the trauma of the day. In the light of this statement analyse the structure of violence against women in India.	Paper I Short Notes (28)	Sex Vs Gender / The problem of gender	3.145-3.147 Paper-2
6.a	How do you relate the growth of development of metropolis and its impact on the mental and social life of people in India?	Test-6 Q. No.1c	Social aspects of urbanisation	Short Notes (21)	Urbanisation / Migration/Slums/Culture of poverty	3.26-3.36 Paper-2
6.b	Has 'Green Revolution' led to the formation of new power elite in rural India? Elaborate your answer.	Test-4 Q. No.3d	Power elite in rural India	Long Answer (8)	Changing Modes of Production in Indian Agriculture – Green revolution/Globalisation/Capitalism	2.62-2.67 Paper-2
6.c	Write a note on Basic Services to Urban Poor (BSUP) and Integrated Housing and Slum	Test-6 Q. No.1(c)	Social aspects of urbanisation	Short Notes (21)	Urbanisation / Migration/Slums/Culture of poverty	3.26-3.36 Paper-2

	Development (IHSD) programmes provided for the urban poor.					
7.a	Has caste system hindered democracy and adult franchise in India? Discuss.	Test-2 Q. No.3a  Q. No.4b	Rising caste consciousness today  Critically discuss the major characteristics of Dominant caste. How far dominant caste influences India today?	Short Notes (8)	Dominant Caste and politics	2.45-2.51  Paper-2
7.b	Elaborate various forms of Dalit assertions in contemporary India. What are its implications on the Indian political system?	Mock Test-II Test-2 Q. No.4b	The emergence of dalit consciousness in contemporary India is the manifestation of dalit's search for modernization. Critically analyse	Long Answer (20)	Dalit consciousness today	2.51-2.14  Paper-2
7.c	With increase in education and economic development is Indian society becoming more secular?	Test-10 Q. No.2a	A major challenge today is to reiterate and rejuvenate the basic principles of secularism including equality, freedom of religion and tolerance. In the light of this statement critically analyse the threats to secularism in India today.	Long Answer (15)	Nature of Secularism – Threats today – Cultural/ Ethno/Hyper Nationalism	3.63-3.66  Paper-2
8.a	What are the issues relating to male migration and its impact on birthrate? Does it necessarily result in skewed sex ratio?	Test-10 Q. No.3b	Sociological perspectives on migration	Short Notes (21)	Urbanisation / Migration/Slums/Culture of poverty	3.26-3.36  Paper-2
8.b	Western patriarchy which surrenders feminine principles is the new development project in India. Do you agree with this view? Why?	Mock Test-I Test-11 Q. No.8a	For radical feminists patriarchy is a trans historical category that is independent set of social relations from class relations .On the other hand for Marxist feminists gender asymmetry is a derivative of capitalist class relations. Discuss	Long Answer (7)	Patriarchy and women - Changing status of women / Women's movement	3.99-3.107  Paper-2

8.c	Assess the impact of ban on 'Triple Talaq' on marriage and divorce among the Muslim community in India.	Mock Test-II Test-12 Q. No.3c	Sociology of triple talaq	Short Notes (32)	Triple talaq and Uniform civil code	2.133-2.138 Paper-2
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