

PARLIAMENT OF INDIA
(JOINT RECRUITMENT CELL)

MAIN EXAMINATION FOR POSTS OF EXECUTIVE/LEGISLATIVE/COMMITTEE/PROTOCOL OFFICER AND
RESEARCH/REFERENCE OFFICER IN LOK SABHA SECRETARIAT

31st AUGUST, 2010

SOCIOLOGY - Paper-I (General Sociology/Foundations of Sociology/Fundamentals of Sociology)

INSTRUCTIONS : Answers must be written in English only. Candidates should attempt at least 2 questions from each section and total 5 questions. All questions carry equal marks.

Time: 3 hours

Marks: 300

SECTION – A

1. Write short notes (250 words each) on any three of the following:
 - (a) Social fact
 - (b) Pattern variables
 - (c) Historical materialism
 - (d) Social action
2. Discuss how a certain religious ethic is related to capitalism in Max Weber's work.
3. Discuss forms of marriage and show how changing structures of family and sex roles are impacting changes in marriage.
4. Evaluate the difference between the conflict and functionalist theories of social stratification.
5. Distinguish between Interview, Questionnaire and Schedule and show their relative advantages and limitations.

SECTION - B

6. Write short notes (250 words each) on any three of the following:
 - (a) Semitism and anti-Semitism
 - (b) Division of labour and types of exchange
 - (c) The power elite
 - (d) Education and culture
7. Discuss the social consequences of Science and Technology with special reference to social change.
8. How does dialectical materialism enable the study of social change?
9. What are the elements of a social movement? Show how central is the element of ideology to a social movement.
10. Discuss the main features of the democratic form of political participation. How does it differ from the authoritarian form?

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SOCIOLOGY - Paper- II (Study of Indian Society)

INSTRUCTIONS : Answers must be written in English only. Candidates should attempt at least 2 questions from each section and total 5 questions. All questions carry equal marks.

Time: 3 hours

Marks: 300

SECTION – A

1. What are the basic features of a Hindu Social Organisation? Discuss the factors in promoting continuity and change in it through the ages.
2. Analyse the views of Gandhi and Ambedkar on caste and untouchability. Discuss their contribution towards the problem of eradication of untouchability.
3. Describe the changing class structure in India due to the impact of new economic policies introduced since 1992 also known as liberalization-privatisation-globalisation approach.
4. Write a short essay about the regional variations in Kinship systems in India and their socio-cultural correlates.
5. What are the major consequences of growing emphasis on market economy in India in terms of occupational diversification and trade union movement.

SECTION – B

6. What do you understand by democratic deficit and legitimacy crisis. Discuss major challenges before the democratic political system in 21st century India.
7. What is the role of education in citizenship and nation building in India? Discuss the educational problems of disadvantageous groups and their impact on the process of nation building.
8. What do you understand by Sanskritisation and Westernisation? Write about the endogenous and exogenous sources of social change in India.
9. What do you understand by Naxalism and Maoism? Discuss the growth of Maoist activities in India from the perspective of political sociology.
10. Write short notes on any two:
 - (a) Female foeticide
 - (b) Chronic poverty in India
 - (c) Recommendations of Sachar Committee about Muslims in India
 - (d) From Government to Governance