Civil Services (Main) Examination, 1996

SOCIOLOGY

(Paper I)

Time Allowed : Three Hours	*Maximum Marks : 300*

QUESTION PAPER SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS

Please read each of the following instructions carefully before attempting questions :

There are **EIGHT** questions divided in **TWO SECTIONS**.

Candidate has to attempt **FIVE** questions in all.

Questions no. **1** and **5** are compulsory and out of the remaining, any **THREE** are to be attempted choosing at least **ONE** question from each Section.

The number of marks carried by a question/part is indicated against it.

Word limit in questions, wherever specified, should be adhered to.

SECTION 'A'

1. Write short notes on any three of the following (each answer should not exceed 200 words): 20×3=60

(a) Value-free sociology

(b) Role-conflict and its resolution

(c) Mode of production

(d) The idea of functional indispensability

2. Discuss Talcott Parsons' contribution to the analysis of social change. 60

3. "Not all facts about human behaviour are necessarily social facts." State the meaning of 'social facts' and the methods of studying them with reference to this statement. 60

4. Explain the origin and characteristics of bureaucracy according to Max Weber. Illustrate the structural sources of dysfunctions of bureaucracy. 60

SECTION 'B'

5. Write short notes on any three of the following (each answer should not exceed 200 words): 20×3=60

(a) Impacts of change in sex-role on family

(b) Types of exchange

(c) Education and social inequalities

(d) Reformative social movements

6. Compare the role of custom as an agency of social control in primitive and modern industrial societies. 60

7. Discuss the meaning and role of voluntary organizations in the efforts of transformation of society through state-action. 60

8. Critically examine the impact of traditional social structures on the development and functioning of a democratic polity. 60

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