Civil Services (Main) Examination, 1996

SOCIOLOGY

(Paper II)

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 in not more than 200 words each: 20×3=60

(a) Varna ashrama dharma

(b) Avenues of caste mobility in traditional Indian society

(c) Role of pressure groups in Indian politics

(d) Social consequences of market economy

2. "Tradition and modernity co-exist in contemporary Indian society." Discuss the factors responsible for this continuity and change. 60

3. Describe the factors responsible for increasing economic inequalities in India and discuss their social consequences. 60

4. How far has education of women led to an improvement in their social status in the modern Indian society? Which other factors are related to the status of women in India? 60

SECTION 'B'

5. Write short notes on any three of the following in not more than 200 words each: 20×3=60

(a) Urban neighbourhoods

(b) Pattern of secularism in India

(c) Problem of education among 'Backward Classes'

(d) Indicators of modernization in Indian society

6. Describe the socio-cultural consequences of tribals' contacts with the non-tribals. What measures would you suggest to bring the tribals in the national mainstream? 60

7. Describe the traditional power structure in rural India. Discuss the factors that have contributed to its changing pattern in recent years. 60

8. Do you think that caste and democracy are compatible with each other? Discuss with reference to some studies conducted on the issue in India. 60

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