Civil Services (Main) Examination, 2000

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 note should not exceed 200 words): 20×3=60

(a) Sociology and social anthropology

(b) Problem of objectivity in social research

(c) Alienation

(d) Role conflict

2. Emile Durkheim had argued that the function of division of labour in society is that of the promotion of social solidarity. Elaborate the statement and analyse the distinction between two forms of solidarity discussed by him. 60

3. How does social structure produce a strain toward anomie and deviant behaviour? Examine it with reference to Robert K. Merton's contribution to this field of study. 60

4. Discuss the factors responsible for changing structure of family in modern societies. 60

SECTION 'B'

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

(a) Inter-generational mobility

(b) Social determinants of economic development

(c) 'Relative deprivation'

(d) Role of pressure groups in democracy

6. Pitirim A. Sorokin sees the course of history as a continuous but irregular fluctuation between two basically different kinds of culture. While explaining this stand of Sorokin, analyse whether it is appropriate to characterise such a notion of change as a cyclical theory of social change. 60

7. Is ideology an essential component of a social movement? Illustrate your answer with suitable examples from some contemporary social movements. 60

8. Critically examine functional and dysfunctional aspects of religion. 60

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