Civil Services (Main) Examination, 2003

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) Primary and reference groups

(b) Utility of reliability and validity in social research

(c) Social system and the pattern variables

(d) Education and social development

2. Highlight the problem of objectivity and value-neutrality in social research. Elaborate, with suitable examples, the limitations associated with the tools of measurements in social science researches. 60

3. Discuss the meanings and significance of culture in human society. Critically bring out the role of culture in the development of personality. 60

4. Critically examine Max Weber's theory of the 'Protestant ethics and the spirit of the capitalism'. Could it be the otherwise possibility that the tenets of the capitalism must also have effected the emergence of the Protestant ethics? Comment with suitable examples. 60

SECTION 'B'

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

(a) Social impact of new technologies in India

(b) Class-in-itself and class-for-itself

(c) Social determinants of economic development

(d) Social structure and political participation

6. Examine the conceptual distinction between social inequality and social stratification. How do the nature and forms of the social stratification system determine the patterns of social mobility? 60

7. Elaborate on the concepts of family and lineage. Discuss the relationship between rules of descent and inheritance of property. 60

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8. Critically analyse the concept of anomie. Elaborate, with suitable examples, the theoretical relationship between nature of anomie and types of social deviations as have been formulated by R. K. Merton. 60

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