Civil Services (Main) Examination, 2005

# SOCIOLOGY

## (Paper II)

| *Time Allowed : Three Hours* | *Maximum Marks : 300* |
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**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.

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## SECTION 'A'

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

(a) Racial theories of origin of caste

(b) Characteristics of peasant societies

(c) Generation gap

(d) Inequality in education

**2.** Discuss the paradoxical nature of change in contemporary Indian society. Describe the factors responsible for it. 60

**3.** Describe the process of emergence of the middle class in India. What role has the middle class played in national development? 60

**4.** Discuss the social base of political parties in India. What has been its impact on Indian democracy? 60

## SECTION 'B'

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

(a) Pluralism and national unity

(b) Religious fundamentalism

(c) Self-respect movement

(d) Obstacles to change in Indian society

**6.** Describe the distinctive features of tribal communities in India. Discuss the factors affecting tribal identity. 60

**7.** Describe various aspects of urban environment in India and assess the impact of urban development programmes on it. 60

**8.** Describe the process of social mobility among lower castes and discuss the role of the Backward Classes Movement in strengthening this process. 60

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