Civil Services (Main) Examination, 2007

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 in about 200 words each: 20×3=60

(a) Sociology as a science of society

(b) Talcott Parsons' concept of social system

(c) Social facts

(d) Robert Merton's views on manifest and latent functions

2. Explain Karl Marx's analysis of capitalistic mode of production and class-struggle. What are the intellectual reactions to his views? 60

3. What is the subject-matter of sociology according to Max Weber? Which major methods did he suggest for social science research? Illustrate your answer with his sociological contributions. 60

4. Elaborate Emile Durkheim's analysis of the elementary forms of religious life and role of religion in society. How does he explain existence of religion in modern industrial societies? 60

SECTION 'B'

5. Write short notes on any three of the following in about 200 words each: 20×3=60

(a) Changing structure of family

(b) Role-conflict and its resolution

(c) Education as an instrument of social change

(d) Features of pre-industrial economic system

6. Indicate social determinants of economic development. Discuss any one sociological perspective analysing backwardness and poverty in the developing societies. 60

7. What are the structural elements of a social movement? State how a social movement comes to its end. Illustrate your answer with example. 60

8. Explain the meaning and modes of political participation. What are the factors preventing people's participation in politics in India? 60

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