Civil Services (Main) Examination, 2009

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 in sociological perspectives: 20×3=60

(a) Indological perspective of G. S. Ghurye

(b) Emergence of middle class in India

(c) Dynamics of Dalit movements

(d) Colonial hangover and its social impact

2. (a) What has been the impact of globalization on the cultural aspect(s) of the family? 30

(b) Comment on the changes in the household dimensions of family under modern economic reforms. 30

3. What are the main principles of the structural-functional perspective? Comment on the suitability of applying this perspective to the study of Indian society. 60

4. Comment in about 300 words each on the following: 30×2=60

(a) Changes that the agrarian social structure in India is undergoing.

(b) Can religion form a sufficient basis of forming cultural identity in India?

SECTION 'B'

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

(a) Law and social change

(b) New rural elite and leadership

(c) Fertility and population growth

(d) Possibilities of slum reform

6. Comment in about 300 words each on the following: 30×2=60

(a) Comment on the influence of social and cultural factors on family planning in India.

(b) Evaluate the success of Indian peasant movements in achieving their goals.

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7. (a) In the context of the caste system, critically examine Louis Dumont's concept of purity and pollution. 30

(b) Comment on the sociological impact of globalization on people working in the informal sector. 30

8. Do you think that poverty, deprivation and inequalities are the major challenges in the process of social transformations? What are your suggestions to address and resolve these problems? 60

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