Civil Services (Main) Examination, 2010

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 four of the following, keeping sociological perspectives in view (each short note in about 200 words): 15×4=60

(a) Content analysis

(b) Nomothetic and idiographic methods

(c) Serendipity

(d) Cybernetic hierarchy of control

(e) Ethnicity and development

2. (a) "Sociology without history is rootless and history without sociology is fruitless." Elaborate. 30

(b) Examine the social dimensions of religious revivalism and fundamentalism in the context of globalization. 30

3. (a) "Work in capitalism is reduced to mere labour in which the individual does not develop freely his physical and mental energy but mortifies his body and ruins his mind." Critically evaluate the assertion. 30

(b) Compare Karl Marx with Emile Durkheim with reference to the framework of 'division of labour'. 30

4. (a) Critically analyse the contributions of G. H. Mead to 'symbolic interactionism'. 30

(b) Examine how open and closed systems of stratification are undergoing transformation in the emergence of new hierarchical social order in societies. 30

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SECTION 'B'

5. Write short notes on any four of the following, from a sociological perspective (each short note in about 200 words): 15×4=60

(a) Feminisation of labour in informal sector

(b) Identity politics

(c) Positive religion

(d) Kinship and social capital

(e) Human Relations School of Thought by Elton Mayo as a social organisation of work process in industry

6. (a) "There has been a substantial decline in labour class and increase in labour force in non-manual jobs with the advent of new technological revolution." Critically examine. 30

(b) Distinguish between people being socially excluded and people excluding themselves socially in societies. 15

(c) "Science has empirical means to logical ends and religion has non-empirical means to logical ends." Comment. 15

7. (a) List the sources of power and explain the various indicators based on which power can be measured. 30

(b) Analyse the social impact of market economy on traditional societies. 15

(c) Examine the social dimensions of displacement induced by development. 15

8. (a) Evaluate how civil society and democracy mutually reinforce each other. 30

(b) Examine Karl Marx's views on 'class-in-itself' and 'class-for-itself' with reference to proletarians. 30

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