Civil Services (Main) Examination, 2013

SOCIOLOGY

(Paper I)

Time Allowed : Three Hours	*Maximum Marks : 250*

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.

Attempts of questions shall be counted in sequential order. Unless struck off, attempt of a question shall be counted even if attempted partly.

SECTION 'A'

1. Write short notes on the following (each note should not exceed 150 words): 10×5=50

(a) "Sociology emerged in Europe and flourished to begin with on social reformist orientation in the U.S.A." Comment.

(b) Compare and contrast sociology with anthropology.

(c) Critically examine positivistic approach in sociological studies.

(d) Examine science and technology as agents of social change.

(e) Analyse the contemporary trends in family with examples.

2. (a) Analyse the limitations of quantitative methods in social research. 20

(b) Critically examine the functionalist tradition in sociology. 20

(c) Analyse the salient features of historical materialism. 10

3. (a) Compare Karl Marx with Emile Durkheim with reference to the framework of 'division of labour'. 20

(b) Critically analyse the contributions of G. H. Mead to 'symbolic interactionism'. 20

(c) Examine the salient features of Weberian bureaucracy. 10

4. (a) How are open and closed systems of stratification undergoing transformation in the emergence of new hierarchical social order in societies? 20

(b) Is patriarchy a universal phenomenon? Critically examine how does patriarchy affect sexual division of labour in societies. 20

(c) Examine the role of pressure groups in parliamentary democracy. 10

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SECTION 'B'

5. Write short notes on the following (each note should not exceed 150 words): 10×5=50

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

(b) Define social movement. Elucidate the role of reformist movements in social change.

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

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

(e) Analyse the gender bias in the present society with examples.

6. (a) How do Karl Marx and Max Weber differ in terms of their analysis of social stratification? 20

(b) Examine the social impact of globalisation on labour and society. 20

(c) Examine the relevance of Parsonian social system in the present society. 10

7. (a) Evaluate how do civil society and democracy mutually reinforce each other. 20

(b) Examine the emerging trends in marriage and family as a response to the change in economic and social order. 20

(c) Critically examine the role of civil society in democracy. 10

8. (a) Illustrate the conflict and tensions experienced by societies undergoing social change. 20

(b) Critically examine the cultural theories of social change with suitable examples. 20

(c) Is religion antithetical to science? Comment. 10

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