Civil Services (Main) Examination, 2014

SOCIOLOGY
(Paper II)

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 with a sociological perspective on the following in about 150 words each: 10×5=50

(a) Gandhi's efforts on communal harmony

(b) Modernization of Indian traditions

(c) Types of kinship systems in India

(d) Features of caste system

(e) G. S. Ghurye's Indological approach to understand society in India

2. (a) Analyse the different views on integration and autonomy of tribes in India. 20

(b) Discuss the social background of Indian nationalism. 20

(c) Define patriarchy. How does it impact the overall entitlement of a girl child in India? 10

3. (a) Give a sociological analysis of the problems of migrant urban poor. 20

(b) Discuss the problems of religious minorities in India. 20

(c) Write some of the important social reforms in India for the removal of untouchability. 10

4. (a) Discuss the status of women among the emerging urban middle class. 20

(b) Describe the impact of land reforms on the peasants of Indian society. 20

(c) What is the idea of 'Indian village'? Explain. 10

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SECTION 'B'

5. Write short notes with a sociological perspective on the following in about 150 words each: 10×5=50

(a) Trends of Infant Mortality Rate among females

(b) Domestic Violence Act, 2005

(c) Dynamics of contemporary Dalit movements

(d) Impact of privatization on educational disparities

(e) Rural landless labourers and development induced displacement

6. (a) What are the main features of the second wave of women's movement in the Indian context? 20

(b) Discuss the 'Chipko movement' as an example of eco-feminism. 20

(c) Discuss the impact of globalization on the workers in the informal sector. 10

7. (a) What are the demographic projections for the ageing population (60+) for the next decade? What are the implications for formulating policy for them? 20

(b) What are the possible underlying causes of the spurt of increased violence against women in public spaces in the last decade? 20

(c) How do caste and class come together in creating the category of extreme poor? 10

8. (a) 'Many caste conflicts are between castes which are close to each other on the hierarchical scale.' Give a sociological explanation for this phenomenon. 20

(b) 'Tribal conflicts based on ethnic differences often camouflage a struggle for political and economic advantage.' Substantiate with examples. 20

(c) Who are the elites? Discuss their roles in bringing social transformation. 10

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