



IAS SOCIOLOGY (MAINS) – Questions Pattern & Trends Analysis

PAPER – II

A: INTRODUCING INDIAN SOCIETY

1. Explain the significance of empirical approach to the study of Indian society. How does the use of historical approach enrich empirical orientation? (95/60)
2. “Tradition and modernity co-exist in contemporary Indian society’. Discuss the factors responsible for this continuity and change. (96/60)
3. Write short note: Impact of Islam on Indian society. (97/20)
4. Write short note: Response of Indian society to the early impact of West. (98/20)
5. Write short note: Impact of Buddhism on Indian society. (00/20)
6. Write short note: Impact of West on Indian society. (01/20)
7. Examine the ways in which Indian society can be strengthened as multi-cultural society. Is the dominance of single culture a hindrance to multiculturalism in India? (02/60)
8. Discuss the metaphysical and ethical basis of Hindu social organization (02/60)
9. Describe the major aspects of traditional Hindu social organization. How far are they relevant for present day Indian society? (06/60)
10. How has the Marxist Perspective been applied to explain social background of Indian nationalism? (08/60)
11. How do you differentiate between social change and modernization? Explain with examples from Indian society. (08/60)

B: SOCIAL STRUCTURE

(I) Rural & Agrarian Social structure

1. Write short note: Agrarian social structure. (95/20)
2. Write short note: Peasant Society. (99/20)
3. Write short note: Agrarian class structure in India. (01/20)
4. Write short note: Characteristics of Neo-Rich agrarian class. (02/20)
5. Write short note: Feudalism and Semi Feudalism. (04/20)
6. Write short note: Characteristics of peasant societies. (05/20)
7. Is Indian peasant society a non-modern society? Evaluate with suitable examples in support of your answer. (06/60)
8. Write short note: Agrarian Unrest. (07/20)
9. Write short note Sociology. Village studies in Indian (08/20)

(II) Caste System

1. Write short note: Cultural and structural aspect of caste. (95/20)
2. Write short note: Equality and social justice. (95/20)
3. Write short note: Avenues of caste mobility in traditional Indian society. (96/20)
4. Write short note: Varna - asrama dharma. (96/20)
5. Do you think that caste and democracy are compatible with each other? Discuss with reference to some studies conducted on this issue in India. (96/60)
6. 'Caste is becoming weaker and stronger at the same time in present day India.' Discuss the factors responsible for continuity and change. (97/60)
7. Write short note: Role of caste associations. (98/20)
8. Write short note: Modes of contents of expression of Dalit consciousness. (98/20)
9. Write short note: Social Justice. (99/20)
10. Write short note: Caste among Indian Christians. (00/20)
11. Which means of social mobility were available in the traditional caste system? Describe the form of social mobility in contemporary Indian society. (00/60)
12. Write short note: Caste and Indian Polity. (01/20)
13. Write short note: Emergence of Dalit Consciousness. (02/20)
14. Discuss the Louis Dumont's concept of purity and pollution. How far these concepts are relevant in explaining the Hindu Caste system? (02/60)
15. Describe the characteristics of dominant caste. Discuss its role in village politics in India. (03/60)
16. Write short note: Caste among Muslims. (03/20)
17. Write short note: Impact of Muslims on Indian Society. (04/20)
18. Write short note: Caste mobilization in North India. (04/20)
19. Write short note: Racial Theories of origin of caste. (05/20)
20. Discuss the social factors responsible for the emergence of Dalit consciousness in India. What have been the social consequences of this phenomenon? (06/60)
21. Write short note: Concept of Hierarchy in Louis Dumont's writings (08/20)

(III) Tribal Communities in India

1. Write short note: Tribal integration. (95/20)
2. Describe the socio-cultural consequences of tribals' contacts with the non-tribals. What measures would you suggest to bring the tribals in the national mainstream?(96/60)
3. What changes have taken place in the tribal social stratification pattern in recent times? Describe the factors responsible for these changes. (97/60)
4. Write short note: Issues of tribal identity. (97/20)
5. Analyze critically the Government of India's tribal policy. (98/60)
6. Critically examine various tribal policies. Which tribal policy would you advocate for tribal development in India any way ? (00/60)
7. Write short note: Integration of Tribes in Hindu Culture. (02/20)

8. Write short note: Emergence of classes among tribes. (03/20)
9. Write short note: Isolation approach in tribal policy. (03/20)
10. Write short note: Migration and tribal communities. (04/20)
11. Describe the distinctive features of tribal communities in India. Discuss the factors affecting tribal identity. (05/60)
12. Discuss the various problems of tribal communities in India and assess the impact of tribal development efforts after Independence. (07/60)

(IV) Social Classes Structure in India

1. Write short note: Industrial class structure in India. (97/20)
2. Examine the causes and consequences of growing size of urban middle class. (98/60)
3. Describe the process of emergence of the middle class in India. What role has the middle class played in national development? (05/60)

(V) System of Kinship in India

1. "Nuclear families grow into joint families and then break into nuclear families. The change from nuclear to joint and from joint to nuclear families is fairly frequent in India." Explain the changes in the structure and functions of joint family in this context. (95/60)
2. Outline the social factors related to generation gap. How has the generation gap led to the problem of youth unrest? (97/60)
3. What factors are responsible for the instability of the Indian family? Will the family survive the present crisis in modern society? (01/60)
4. Discuss the influence of socio-cultural factors on age of marriage in India. (04/60)
5. Write short note: Generation Gap. (05/20)
6. Write short note: Industrialisation and family change in India, with examples. (06/20)
7. Discuss the impact of legislation and socio economic changes on marriage and family institutions. Are these institutions weakening in contemporary India? (07/60)
8. What is Patriarchy? How have the women's movements confronted the norms of Patriarchy? (08/60)

(VI) Religion and Society

1. Write short note: Pattern of secularism in India. (96/20)
2. Write short note: Communal tensions in India. (97/20)
3. Discuss the constitutional safeguards for religious minority groups and account for Increasing religious fundamentalism in India. (98/60)
4. Write short note: Secularism. (99/20)
5. Define religious minority. Discuss the problems of religious minorities in India. (99/60)
6. Write short note: Religious fundamentalism. (00/20)

7. Explain the concept of secular state and discuss the problems of India as a secular state. (01/60)
8. Write short note: Inequality among Brahmins. (02/20)
9. Write short note: Problems of Hindu minority in Kashmir. (02/20)
10. Is Secularism a weak Ideology? Critically analyze the reasons for anti-secular trends in India. (02/60)
11. Describe the socio-economic factors responsible for communal tensions in India. What suggestions will you give to control them ? (03/60)
12. Write short note: Role of religion in civil society. (04/20)
13. Write short note: Religious fundamentalism. (05/20)
14. Describe the indicators of secularism. In your opinion, is it being practiced in letter and spirit in present day Indian society ? (06/60)
15. Write short note: Problems of religious minorities. (07/20)
16. Discuss the major problems of religious fundamentalism in contemporary India. Give suggestions to tackle these problems. (07/60)

C: SOCIAL CHANGES IN INDIA

(I) Vision of Social Change in India

1. Discuss the main problems of national integration in India and delineate the role of education in tackling these problems. (95/60)
2. Write short note: Sanskritization. (95/20)
3. Write short note: Problem of education among 'Backward classes' (96/20)
4. Write short note: Indicators of modernisation in Indian society. (96/20)
5. Describe the role played by education in social mobility. Do you think that education has been the most important factor in accelerating social mobility in modern Indian society? Give arguments in favour of your answer. (97/60)
6. Write short note : Problem of adult illiteracy in India. (98/20)
7. Write short note: Total Literacy Campaign (TLC) (99/20)
8. Write short note: Sanskritization. (99/20)
9. How is modernisation an agent of change? Discuss its positive and negative aspects. (99/60)
10. Write short note: Educational inequalities in India. (00/20)
11. Critically examine the protective discrimination policy for the disadvantaged groups in India. Would you suggest any change in this policy? (00/60)
12. Write short note: Education and social mobility. (01/20)
13. Examine the impact of mass media on Indian society. Whether western consumerism and materialistic culture, creeping in through mass media, are adversely affecting the traditional Indian culture? (02/60)
14. Write short note: Educational problems of weaker sections. (03/20)
15. Describe the process of modernization in India. Discuss the factors that have impeded this process. (03/60)

16. Discuss in detail impact of mass media and education on India Society. (04/60)
17. Critically evaluate education as a tool for social justice. (04/60)
18. Discuss in detail impact of mass media and education on Indian Society. (04/60)
19. Write short note: Social Consequences of Globalisation. (04/20)
20. Write short note: Inequality in Education. (05/20)
21. Write short note: Obstacles to change in Indian society. (05/20)
22. Discuss the paradoxical nature of change in contemporary Indian society. Describe the factors responsible for it. (05/60)
23. Write short note: Continuity and change in Indian society. (06/20)
24. Write short note: Education and social mobility. (07/20)
25. Write short note: Sanskritization. (07/20)
26. Write short note: S.N.D.P. Movement. (08/20)
27. Write short note: Disparities in education. (08/20)

(II) Rural and Agrarian Transformation in India

1. Write short note: Faction in rural life. (95/20)
2. How far did the Community Development Projects help in realizing the goals of planned change Examine critically? (95/60)
3. What do you mean by 'Green Revolution' and what are its socio-economic consequences? Discuss. (99/60)
4. Critically evaluate the child welfare programmes in India. Have they benefited all sections of children in India? " (00/60)
5. Write short note: Poverty alleviation programmes. (01//20)
6. Write short note: Social consequences of green revolution. (03//20)
7. Outline the factors responsible for unrest in agrarian communities of India. What suggestions will you give to arrest this trend? (03/60)
8. Write short note: Strategies of rural development. (04/20)
9. Describe the salient features of the poverty alleviation programmes. What modifications would you suggest to make them more effective? (07/60)

(III) Industrialisation & Urbanisation in India

1. Write short note : Industrialisation and occupational diversification. (95/20)
2. Write short note: Social basis of trade unions. (95/20)
3. Discuss the salient features of urbanisation in India. What steps would you suggest to tackle the negative aspects of urbanisation ? (95/60)
4. Write short note: Social consequences of market economy. (96/20)
5. Write short note :Urban neighborhoods. (96/20)
6. Write short note: Social profile of slums. (97/20)
7. Assess the impact of market economy on the traditional rural economic structure.(98/60)

8. Write short note: Social consequences of unplanned urban growth. (98/20)
9. What is meant by privatisation and how could it affect economic reforms in India? (99/60)
10. Slums are scars on the social fabric. How can these scars be removed? (99/60)
11. Write short note: Consequences of globalisation for India. (00/20)
12. Do you agree with the view that slums are areas of darkness and despair ? Give reasons in support of your answer. (00/60)
13. Write short note: Privatization and globalization. (01/20)
14. Discuss how occupational diversification has affected the pattern of social stratification in India. (03/60)
15. Write short note: Social Consequences of Globalisation. (04/20)
16. Describe various aspects of urban environment in India and assess the impact of urban development programmes on it. (05/60)
17. Write short note: Social Consequences of Privatisation. (06/20)
18. Write short note: Programmes for urban development (07/20)
19. Write short note: Market economy and its social consequences. (07/20)
20. Discuss the social consequences of economic reforms like liberalization, privatization and globalization. (07/60)
21. Write short note: Informal sector in the urban economy in India (08/20)
22. What is the impact of Globalization on the structure and mobilization of the working class in India ? (08/60)

(IV) Social Movements in Modern India

1. Describe the factors related to social movements. In the light of these factors explain the emergence of peasant movements in India. (97/60)
2. Write short note: Revivalist social movements in India. (98/20)
3. Write short note: Naxalbari Movement. (99/20)
4. Write short note: Self-respect movement. (00/20)
5. Write short note: Satya Sodhak Samaj. (01/20)
6. Examine the role of Arya Samaj and Ramakrishna Mission as reform movements in India. (01/60)
7. Analyses the ideological and strategically features of Naxalbari movement. (02/60)
8. Write short note: Caste mobilisation in North India. (04/20)
9. Write short note: Self-respect movement. (05/20)
10. Describe the process of social mobility among lower castes and discuss the role of the Backward Classes Movement in strengthening this process. (05/60)
11. Write short note: Backward Classes Movement. (06/20)
12. Write short note: Self Respect Movement. (06/20)
13. Discuss the role of various reform movements in India. (07/60)
14. What factors account for the resurgence of ethnic identity movements in India?
What, according to you, is the proper strategy of integration of ethnic groups in the mainstream? (08/60)

(V) Politics and Society

1. It is often alleged that the social situation in India is not conducive to the efficient functioning of a democratic polity. Comment. (95/60)
2. Write short note : Changing social origins of political elites in India. (94/20)
3. Write short note : Role of pressure groups in Indian politics. (96/20)
4. Describe the traditional power structure in rural India. Discuss the factors that have contributed to its changing pattern in recent years. (96/60)
5. Write short note: Pluralism and national unity. (97/20)
6. Describe the socio-cultural background of the political elites of contemporary India. What has been the influence of the background on their political orientations? (97/60)
7. Write short note: Implications of emergence of regional political parties. (98//20)
8. Write short note: National Unity. (99/20)
9. Discuss 73rd and 74th Constitutional Amendments with reference to decentralization of power. (99/60)
10. What have been the functions of democracy in India? Has democracy been successful in eliminating some of the traditional social inequalities? (00/60)
11. What is meant by democratic decentralization? Assess the working of Panchayati Raj in India. (01/60)
12. Elaborate the concept of political elite. Explain how social structural origins of political elites influence their political orientations. (01/60)
13. Write short note: Reservation and Panchayat Raj institutions. (02/20)
14. Write short note: Regionalism. (03/20)
15. Differentiate between pressure groups and interest groups. Describe the role of some prominent pressure groups in contemporary Indian politics. (03/60)
16. "The 73rd and the 74th constitutional amendments have motivated social mobilisation in rural India."- Discuss. (04/60)
17. Write short note: Pluralism and national unity. (05//20)
18. Discuss the social base of political parties in India. What has been its impact on Indian democracy? (05/60)
19. Write short note: Regionalism. (07/20)

(VI) Population Dynamics

1. Write short note: Increasing economic disparities between rural and urban populations. (98/20)
2. Examine the socio-economic consequences of the changing age-structure of India's population. (98/60)
3. Write short note: Socio-cultural factors related to declining proportion of females in sex-ratio. (00/20)
4. Write short note: Socio-cultural factors influencing infant mortality rates. (03/20)

5. Discuss the salient features of the population policy of Government of India. What modifications would you suggest to make it more effective? (06/60)
6. Write short note: Social factors related to declining sex-ratio. (06/20)
7. Write short note: Reproductive Health. (08/20)

(VII) Challenges of Social Transformation

1. Describe the factors responsible for increasing economic inequalities in India and discuss their social consequences. (96/60)
2. How far has education of women led to an improvement in their social status in the modern Indian society? Which other factors are related to the status of women in India?(96/60)
3. "Political and economic empowerment of women is necessary but not a sufficient condition for improving social of women in India". (98/60)
4. Critically evaluate the existing welfare programmes for women in India. Have they benefited all sections of women in India? (01/60)
5. Write short note: Nature of atrocities on married (02/20)
6. Discuss in detail atrocities women and suggest annihilative measures for them.(04/60)
7. Write short note: Discrimination against women. (06/20)
8. Write short note: Problem of dowry. (07/20)
9. Write short note: Religious revivalism. (08/20)
10. How do you define development? What are your suggestions to resolve the issues of displacement and environment related to development? (08/60)

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