

REFLECTIONS FROM OUR ONE YEAR TEST BATCH-2023

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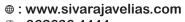
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S.No	UPSC Questions	Reflected Questions		
1 d)	Is reference group theory a universally applicable model?	P1	Test 6 Q 4	How can we use reference group theory to understand social mobility in India?
	Elucidate.	HL	SN Q 21	Reference groups and Relative deprivation/Sanskritisation
1 e)	Do you think that the boundary line between ethnicity and race is blurred?	P1	Test 7 Q 8	*Modernisation presupposes class society; however caste, ethnicity and race are still predominant. Explain
	Justify your answer	HL	SN Q22	Social stratification- Class, Status, Gender, Ethnicity and Race as dimensions
2 a)	What, according to Robert Michels, is the iron law of oligarchy? Do lions and foxes in Vilfredo	P1	Test 8 Q 9	What are the theoretical models of societal power? Which one of them is most applicable in advanced industrial societies?
	Pareto's theory, essentially differ from each other? Substantiate.	HL	SN Q38	Circulation of elites
2 b)	What is historical materialism? Examine its relevance in understanding contemporary societies.	P1	Test 3 Q 2	Analyze the salient features of historical materialism
2 c)	What are variables? How do they facilitate research?	P2	Test 9 Q 3c	What are variables? Discuss their role in experimental research.
3 a)	What are the characteristics of scientific method? Do you think that scientific method in conducting sociological research is foolproof? Elaborate.	P2	Test 3 Q 5c	No scientific system is ever capable of reproducing all concrete reality, nor can any conceptual apparatus ever do full justice to the infinite diversity of particular phenomena. What solution Weber suggests?
		P1	Test 1 Q 7	Elaborate the problems and prospects of sociology as a science.





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3 b)	How do you assess the changing patterns in kinship relations in societies today?	P2	Test 10 Q 5a	Give some of the important studies relating to the changing dimensions of family structure in urban India.
3) c	Is Weber's idea of bureaucracy a product of the historical experiences of Europe? Comment.	P2	Test 3 Q 6c	Max Weber says that modern lives are subject to institutions, which reduce humans to objects, and ultimately cages them to a life of monotony. Elaborate
4 a)	Do you think that common sense is the starting point of social research? What are its advantages and limitations? Explain.	P2	Test 1 Q 1b	"Sociological knowledge cannot be entirely separated from common sense". Comment'
4 b)	How is poverty a form of social exclusion? Illustrate in this connection the different dimensions of		Test 7 Q 3 Test 6 Q 6a	Discuss the relationship between poverty and social exclusion. Social exclusion is a more multidimensional and multilevel concept than poverty. Discuss
	poverty and social exclusion.	HL	LA Q 13	Poverty, deprivation, inequalities and poverty alleviation schemes/multi-dimensional poverty and social exclusion
4 c)	Highlight the differences and similarities between totemism and animism.	P1	Test 2 Q 7	How Durkheimian concept of religion is different from that of his predecessors? What are the intellectual responses to his theory of religion?
5 a)	Examine the relevance of corporate social responsibility in a world marked by increasing environmental crises.	HL	LA Q 27	*Crisis of development: displacement, environmental problems and sustainability





5 b)	How is civil society	P2	Mock Test	Analsye the role of civil society
	useful in deepening		Paper I Q 6c	in influencing collective
	the roots of			mobilization in democratic
	democracy?			society.
		P2	Test 4 Q 1c	If the state is marked by the logic
				of power, and the market
				dominated by that of profit, the
				logic of civil society is that of
				solidarity and civility. Comment
5 c)	What functions does	P2	Mock Test	Elaborate Emile Durkheim s
	religion perform in a		Paper I Q 7b	analysis of the elementary
	pluralistic society?			forms of religious life and role
				of religion in society. How
				does he explain existence of
				religion in modern industrial
				societies?
		P1	Test 2 Q 5	To what extent Durkheimian
				explanation of religion
				relevant to the contemporary
				scenario in India?
5 e)	Does women's	P2	Test 9	Is patriarchy a universal
	education help to			phenomenon? To what extent
	eradicate patriarchal			is patriarchy a cause for the
	discriminations?			problems of women?
	Reflect with	HL	SN 57	Challenges before Girl's
	illustrations.			education
6 a)	What are the	P2	Test 7 Q 6a	Examine epistemological
	different dimensions			foundations of qualitative
	of qualitative			methods of social research.
	method? Do you			Analyse its limitations in social research.
	think that qualitative method helps to gain	HL	LA Q 27	Quantitative and Qualitative
	a deeper sociological	IIL	LA Q 21	techniques
	insight? Give			teeninques
	reasons for your			
	answer.			
6 b)	Explain Max Weber's	P1	Test 7 Q 7	Compare and contrast the
	theory of social			contributions of Marx and
	stratification. How			Weber on social stratification
	does Weber's idea of			in capitalist society?
	class differ from that	P2	Test 6 Q 2b	Compare and contrast the
	of Marx?			contributions of Marx and Weber





				on social stratification in capitalist society
		HL	LA Q 18	Social stratification: Karl Marx Vs Weber
6 c)	What are the ethical issues that a researcher faces in making use of	P2	Mock Test Paper I Q 1c	What is Participant Observation? Enumerate the advantages and disadvantages of participant observations.
	participant observation as a method of collecting data? Explain.	P1	Test 10 Q 3	"Participant observation is the most effective tool for collecting facts." Comment.
7 a)	Explain how economic globalization has brought changes in the patterns of employment in the 21st century.	P1	Test 15 Q 5	Comment on the sociological impact of globalization on people working in the Informal sector
7 b)	Do you think that the social media has brought significant changes in the forms of protest? Argue your case.	P2	Mock Test Paper II Q 5d	In what ways social media network facilitate new social movements? Give suitable examples
7 c)	What is Taylorism? Analyze its merits and demerits.	P1	Test 2 Q 8	*The division of labour goes beyond economic interests to establish social and moral order within a society. Critically examine
8 a)	Assess critically A. G. Frank's 'theory of development of underdevelopment'.	P1	Test 10 Q 7	Critically examine the contribution of dependency theories in understanding the present global scenario.
		P2	Mock Test Paper I Q 8b	Developing countries are vulnerable to exploitation during global crises. In the light of this statement explain the dependency of developing nations on the global institutions.





8 b)	What are	new	P2	Test 3 Q 3c	Distinguish between sects and
	religious				cults. Why religious cults are so
	movements?				popular today?
	Elaborate		HL	SN Q 49	Sects and cults. Why it is
	emphasizing	their			proliferating today?
	forms	and			
	orientations.				
8 c)	Examine the	role of	P2	Test 8 Q 1e	Technology has changed the way
	science	and			people work and think. In the light
	technology	in			of this statement examine how
	addressing	age-old			technology changes societies?
	taboos	and			
	superstitions.				

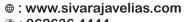




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S.No	UPSC Questions		Reflec	ted Questions
1 a)	Highlight the significant features of A.R. Desai's 'Dialectical Perspective' to study Indian society.	P2 P1 HL	Test 1 Q 3a Test 11 Q 7	How far A.R.Desai adopted dialectical-historical model to explain India's social structure and processes? Elaborate A.R.Desai's perspective to the study of Indian society. What are the limitations of the dialectical approach to the study of Indian society? A.R.Desai's dialectical
1 b)	"The decade of 1950s	P1	Test 12 Q 1	materialism/Indian Nationalism Distinguish between the 'book
	was the golden period of village studies in Indian Sociology." Explain the statement.	P2	Test 5 Q 1e	view' and 'field view' of the Indian caste system. Critically examine briefly the phrase "Little Republics" as used to denote India's villages.
		HL	SN Q5	Book view Vs field view
1 c)	Analyze the differences between the attributional and	HL	LA Q7	Perspectives on the study of caste systems: Louis Dumont and Andre Beteille
	interactional approach in studying the caste system.	P2	Test 1 Q 5C	Explain GS Ghurye's Indological approach to the understanding of Indian society.
1 d)	Are Tradition and Modernity antithetical to each other? Comment.	P1	Test 10 Q 9	Examine the dialectical relation between tradition and modernity in the study of social change.
		P2	Test 10 Q 2b	"Tradition and modernity are misplaced polarities in the study of social change in India." Elucidate.
1 e)	Discuss the main features of Land Reforms in post-independence India.	P2	Test 10 Q 1d	Has land reforms brought about desired agrarian transformation? Give suitable illustrations
		HL	SN Q46	Can Land reforms curb rural inequalities/poverty





2 a)	Do you agree with the view of Andre Beteille that India's villages are	HL	SN Q24	The myth of village self sufficiency– M.N.Srinivas/Andre Beteille/S.C.Dube
	representative of Indian society's basic civilizational values? Present a sociological overview.	P2	Test 5 Q 1e	Critically examine briefly the phrase "Little Republics" as used to denote India's villages.
2 b)	Elaborate the salient features and the role of middle class in	P2	Mock Test Paper-II Q 3c	Describe the process of emergence of the middle class in India
	India's democracy and development.	P 2	Test 10 Q 2c	How has the New Economic Policy (1991) affected the middle class in India?
2 c)	Analyse the role of market and modern forces in understanding the	P2	Test 9 Q 6b	Examine the emerging trends in marriage and family as a response to the social transformation.
	changing trends in marriage systems in India.	HL	LA Q8	Family/Marriage Changes / crisis in India Today (Impact of Urbanisation / Industrialisation / Globalisation/Live in relationship/Legalisation of Homosexuality)
3 a)	Contextualize Louis Dumont's concept of 'binary opposition' with reference to caste system in India.	P2	Mock Test Paper II Q 7a	Discuss the Louis Dumont's concept of purity and pollution. How far these concepts are relevant in explaining the Hindu caste system?
		P1	Test 12 Q 7	'Collectivism and hierarchy', are the organizing principles of the 'caste system'. Critically examine Louis Dumont's concept of purity and pollution.
3 b)	Define the concepts of 'Descent' and 'Alliance'.	P2	Test 7 Q 1e	How do the rules of descent and alliance in kinship differ from each other? Illustrate.



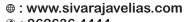


	Differentiate between North Indian and	HL	SN Q15	North Indian Vs South Indian kinship system
	South Indian Kinship systems with examples.	P2	Test 7 Q 1B	What, according to Irawati Karve, are the major differences between North Indian and South Indian Kinship systems?
3 c)	Critically examine the concept of Sanskritisation with suitable examples.	P2	Test 1 Q 1d	Why Sanskritization is criticised as regressive to the extent that it is antithetical to any subaltern political initiative against caste?
		HL	SN Q1	Sanskritisation and Westernisation
4 a)	Analyse the perspectives of	P2	Test 10 Q 6b	Analyse the colonial and post colonial policies for tribes in India.
	Isolation, Assimilation and Integration in understanding the trajectories of Tribal Development.	HL	SN Q20	Tribal policies- Integration/Assimilation of Tribes – Problem of Tribal identity/tribal autonomy
4 b)	Explain the implications and the impact of globalization in situating the changing agrarian	P2	Test 5 Q 5d	Comment on the factors responsible for the growth and consolidation of middle-level peasantry in rural India. How it is related to capitalism in Indian agriculture?
	class structure in India.	P2	Test 5 Q 6b	Critically discuss the changing agrarian modes of production in Indian society
4 c)	Critique the victory narratives of Green Revolution in the context of Indian society.	HL	LA Q11	Changing Modes of Production in Indian Agriculture – Green revolution / Globalisation / Capitalism
5 a)	Citing some case studies, expand the concept of 'Development-induced Displacement'.	HL	LA Q21	Uneven development/displacement induced development and Tribal unrest



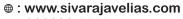


		P1	Test 16 Q 9	The problem of displacement is inherent in the idea of development. Analyze the statement critically.
5 b)	Examine the concept of 'Cultural Pluralism' in the context of India's Unity in Diversity.	P2	Test 3 Q 5a	Write a note on 'cultural pluralism' in multi-religious society like India.
5 c)	Highlight the salient features of the New Education Policy (NEP) 2020.	P2	Test 8 Q 1b	Sociology of New Education Policy
5 d)	Analyse the sociological interconnections between Social	P2	Mock Test Paper-II Q 5d	In what ways social media network facilitate new social movements? Give suitable examples
	Media and Mass Mobilization in India.	HL	SN Q72	Social media network/face book
5 e)	Discuss the nature of regional variations in sex-ratio in India,	P2	Mock Test Paper-II Q 2c	Explain the relation between son meta preference and declining child sex ratio
	stating reasons thereof.	P 2	Test 7 Q 1d	Underline the socio-cultural factors responsible for India's skewed sex-ratio.
		HL	SN Q35	Son meta preference and declining child sex ratio
6 a)	How do you account for the increasing influence of religion in public and personal spheres in	P2	Mock Test Paper-I Q 6a	Critically analyse the dialectical relations between secularization and cultural nationalism with suitable illustrations
	the context of secularization thesis in India? Explain.	P2	Test 3 Q 3a	"Secularization is not an either-or phenomenon". Explain the statement in the light of global trends toward secularity.
		P1	Test 9 Q 8	The rise of fundamentalism in modern society, points to the fact that both secularization as well as religious revivalism are happening at the same time. Examine





		HL	LA Q24	Secularization and Cultural Nationalism/pluralism
6 b)	In the face of rising global climatic	P2	Test 8 Q 5e	Explain environmentalism as a new social movement.
	concerns, how do you contextualize the relevance of the	P2	Test 4 Q 3b	Discuss the various forms of environmental movements waged in India.
	Chipko movement and its Gandhian tone? Answer analytically.	HL	LA Q28	Environmental movements /Global warming/Ecocentrism
6 c)	What actionable measures would you	P2	Test 2 Q 6c	Analyse the determinants of child labour in India today
	suggest to curb the recurrent child labour menace in India?	P1	Test 15 Q 3	Point out the main causes of 'child labour' in India. How far state policies have succeeded in its elimination?
		HL	SN Q48	Child labour/Child labour Act 2016
7 a)	Do you think that the decades of Dalit political mobilisations and movements have helped in strengthening India's democracy? Substantiate your	P1	Test 4 Q 5e	Analyze the term 'dalit' and the evolution of the related concept as a reflection of the changing consciousness and self - assertion of the dalit community
	arguments with facts.	HL	Test 15 Q 6	What is identity politics? Discuss the main trends in Dalit movements in India.
		P2	LA Q24	Dalit consciousness today and its challenges
7 b)	What is 'reverse migration'? Discuss its features, causes and consequences in	P2	Test 10 Q 6c	What are the sociological reasons and implication of "reverse migration" during the recent pandemic in India?
	India.	P2	Test 5 Q 5c	Migration as a social and cultural process, not merely an economic one. Analyse in the light of sociological studies
		HL	Test 2 Q 1d	Labour migration is a socio-





				economic issue.Analyse
7 c)	Discuss the phenomenon of rural-urban continuum with suitable examples.	P2	SN Q 40	Rural -Urban continuum
8 a)	Explain the thematic linkages between 'Patriarchy' and	P1	Test 7 Q 2b	Define patriarchy. How does patriarchy manifest in interpersonal relations?
	'Honour killing' in India, citing some recent cases.	HL	Test 9 Q 1	What is patriarchy. Discuss how the power of patriarchy is asserted in both the private and public sphere simultaneously. Evaluate
		HL	SN Q13	Sociology of Inter caste marriages / Caste conflicts / Honour killing
8 b)	Discuss the challenges faced by the cooperative movements in India.	P2	LA Q12	Programmes of rural development, Community Development Programme, cooperatives
	Suggest measures to strengthen the movement at the grass-roots level.	P2	Test 10 Q 6b	Poverty breeds poverty in rural India." Evaluate poverty alleviation and Rural Development Programmes in the light of this statement. What role do co-operatives play in poverty alleviation in rural India
8 c)	What is 'Ageing'? Discuss the major problems of aged people in India.	P1	Test 10 Q 3c	How is ageing becoming an emerging issue in Indian society? Do you agree that the role of elderly care giving is disproportionately gendered in developing countries?

To the Kind Attention of the Aspirants,

We are claiming the questions based on our **SOCIOLOGY ONE YEAR TEST BATCH** conducted in two phases and the HIT list (HL) which has Short Notes (SN),Long Answer(LA)

The first **Phase (P1)** had 16 sectional tests. The second **Phase (P2)** had 8 Sectional tests +4 Full tests.

Hit list (HL) is a list of important topics which will be released to aid the revision of aspirants during Mains exam time for the last 15 years .

Paper - I

• We are not claiming Q 1a,1b,1c,5d of UPSC CSE 2023 as the verbatum of these questions was not asked in SOCIOLOGY ONE YEAR TEST batch 2022-23. For students who attended SOCIOLOGY INTEGRATED COURSE the lectures gave them insights to attend these questions.

*Only the words are different but the demand of the questions asked in UPSC CSE 2023 is similar to the one that was asked in the SOCIOLOGY ONE YEAR TEST BATCH. The detailed discussion of those questions by **Mr.S.SIVARAJAVEL** helped students answer those questions with confidence .

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