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## IAS Mains Sociology Papers 1981

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#### Paper I

##### Section A

1. Write short notes on any three of the following (each answer should-not exceed 200 words) :
  - a. Alienation in modern society.
  - b. "Value Problem" in sociological research.
  - c. Social Action and Pattern variables.
  - d. Socialization and the Self.
2. What are the major postulates in functional analysis? Is the framework conservative or radical in its approach to the study of social phenomena? Substantiate your view.
3. Discuss how the sociologists have tried to solve the problem of differentiating the nature and scope of their discipline from the subject-matter of other social sciences.
4. Distinguish among the concepts of "social inequalities" "social hierarchy" and "the perpetuation of social inequalities" How are these features manifested in the different forms of social stratification?

##### Section B

1. Write short notes on any three of the following (Each answer should not exceed 200 words) :
  - a. Cultural lag and directed change.
  - b. Role of education in continuity and change.
  - c. Impact of property concepts on the nature of society.
  - d. Power of the elite and the masses in democratic societies.
2. In what sense is family a primary group? Examine the correspondence between the nature and functions of the family on the one hand and the nature and functions of the state on the other, in a changing society.

3. Explain the basic features of “bureaucracy” and “oligarchy” Do you, think that they have become a part or all modern societies? If so, why? Substantiate your answer with examples.
4. Analyse Webers thesis on the “protestant ethic and the spirit of capitalism” In the light of this thesis do you think that all religions facilitate social change? Illustrate your answer.

## Paper II

### Section A

1. Write notes on any three of the following in not more than 200 words each:
  - a. Orthogenetic and heterogenetic factors of social change in India.
  - b. The changing-position of woman in India.
  - c. Jajmani system.
  - d. Panchayati Raj.
2. Examine on the basis of empirical evidence whether castes are evolving into social classes. How do you account for the phenomenon of casteism?
3. Describe the variation in the form, structure and function of the Indian family at present. Can this be understood in terms of rural-urban dichotomy? Elaborate your point of view.
4. Bring out the socio-cultural contexts of educational inequality. In view of these circumstances what measures you think are appropriate for the solution of the educational problems of the scheduled castes?

### Section B

1. Write notes on any three of the following in not more than 200 words each:
  - a. Acculturation and integration of tribal communities.
  - b. Social structural impediments to the adoption of family planning practices in India.
  - c. Socio-religious reform movements in modern India.
  - d. Socio-cultural causes of corruption.
2. Compare and contrast the stratification systems and ideological patterns among the major religious categories in India. Evaluate the problem of religious conversion against this background.
3. In what sense was the traditional Indian village a community? Bring out the impact of the Community Development Programme upon that community.

4. Describe the rural-urban differences in socio-cultural characteristics such as caste and religion and bring out their implications for economic and political behaviour.

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