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Q7(b)**Does caste as a social category exist among the non-Hindu communities in India? Illustrate your answer with suitable examples**

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2026 · Anthropology GS 2 · 15 marks · Indian Village

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5.1 Indian Village-Significance of village study in India; Indian village as a social system; Traditional and changing patterns of settlement and inter-caste relations; Agrarian relations in Indian villages; Impact of globalization on Indian villages.

Facts & figures for this PYQ only.

Numbers move. Confirm the latest Budget, Economic Survey or census round.

Sachar Committee Report (2006)

Highlighted the existence of caste-like backwardness and social stratification among Indian Muslims, categorizing them into Ashraf, Ajlaf, and Arzal.

Ranganath Misra Commission (2007)

Examined the socio-economic status of religious and linguistic minorities, noting the persistence of caste disabilities among Dalit Christians and Dalit Muslims.

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