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Q6(a)

**Elucidate the main problems and challenges faced by the migrant labourers in the recent 'Lockdown period'**

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2021 · Sociology GS 1 · 20 marks · Sociology

Sociology - The Discipline: Modernity and social changes in Europe and emergence of sociology; Scope of the subject and comparison with other social sciences; Sociology and common sense.

Facts & figures for this PYQ only.

Numbers move. Confirm the latest Budget, Economic Survey or census round. This sheet is for revision, not a substitute for the model answer.

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**Reverse migration 2020**

Large return of informal workers to villages after the sudden halt of urban work and trains.

**Reserve army**

**Marx:** surplus labour that capital can hire and dismiss; lockdown was a mass dismissal.

**Census 2011**

Last completed census; weak on circular migrants who have two places of stay.

**Informal work**

No secure contract or social security; the typical condition of the walking workers.

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