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UPSC Mains 2015 Sociology Paper 1

Questions only

<https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains/sociology/gs-1/2015/>

Answer key at the end of this PDF

Attempt the paper first. After the last question, this pack closes with a compiled answer key: official letters in boxed exam order, then a question-wise list with Solution links to WRAP Exams.

Q1(a) · 10 marks

Is sociology a science? Give reasons for your answer.

Topic · Sociology as Science

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2015/is-sociology-a-science-give-reasons-for-your-answer/>

Q1(b) · 10 marks

Discuss the relevance of historical method in the study of society.

Topic · Sociological Thinkers: Karl Marx

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2015/discuss-the-relevance-of-historical-method-in-the-study-of-society/>

Q1(c) · 10 marks

What are variables? Discuss their role in experimental research.

Topic · Research Methods and Analysis

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2015/what-are-variables-discuss-their-role-in-experimental-research/>

Q1(d) · 10 marks

Which concepts did Weber use to analyse the forms of legitimate domination?

Topic · Sociology

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2015/which-concepts-did-weber-use-to-analyse-the-forms-of-legitimate-domination/>

Q1(e) · 10 marks

"No society can either be completely open or completely closed." comment.

Topic · Stratification and Mobility: Concepts

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2015/no-society-can-either-be-completely-open-or-completely-closed-comment/>

Q2(a) · 20 marks

Discuss the role of Calvinist ethic in the development of Capitalism.

Topic · Sociological Thinkers: Karl Marx

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2015/discuss-the-role-of-calvinist-ethic-in-the-development-of-capitalism/>

Q2(b) · 15 marks

Examine the problems of maintaining objectivity and value neutrality in social science research.

Topic · Sociology as Science

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2015/examine-the-problems-of-maintaining-objectivity-and-value-neutrality-in-social-science-research/>

Q2(c) · 15 marks

"Self and society are twin-born " Examine the statement of Mead.

Topic · Sociological Thinkers: Karl Marx

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2015/self-and-society-are-twin-born-examine-the-statement-of-mead/>

Q3(a) · 20 marks

Why is random sampling said to have more reliability and validity in research?

Topic · Research Methods and Analysis

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2015/why-is-random-sampling-said-to-have-more-reliability-and-validity-in-research/>

Q3(b) · 15 marks

Differentiate between Maxian and Weberian theories of Social stratification.

Topic · Stratification and Mobility: Concepts

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2015/differentiate-between-maxian-and-weberian-theories-of-social-stratification/>

Q3(c) · 15 marks

How had Enlightenment contributed to the emergence of sociology?

Topic · Sociology

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Q4(a) · 20 marks

"Non-positivist methodology is essential for understanding human behaviour."
Discuss.

Topic · Sociology as Science

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2015/non-positivist-methodology-is-essential-for-understanding-human-behaviour-discuss/>

Q4(b) · 15 marks

How is social equilibrium maintained in Parsonian framework?

Topic · Sociology

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Q4(c) · 15 marks

"Anomie is rooted in social structure." Explain with reference to R.K. Merton's contribution.

Topic · Sociological Thinkers: Karl Marx

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2015/anomie-is-rooted-in-social-structure-explain-with-reference-to-r-k-mertons-contribution/>

Q5(a) · 10 marks

Distinguish between the social organization of work in feudal society and in capitalist society.

Topic · Works and Economic Life

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2015/distinguish-between-the-social-organization-of-work-in-feudal-society-and-in-capitalist-society/>

Q5(b) · 10 marks

"Ideology is crucial for social transformation in a democracy." Discuss.

Topic · Politics and Society

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2015/ideology-is-crucial-for-social-transformation-in-a-democracy-discuss/>

Q5(c) · 10 marks

Distinguish between sects and cults with illustrations.

Topic · Religion and Society

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2015/distinguish-between-sects-and-cults-with-illustrations/>

Q5(d) · 10 marks

Is male authority absent in matrilineal society? Discuss.

Topic · Sociological Thinkers: Karl Marx

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2015/is-male-authority-absent-in-matrilineal-society-discuss/>

Q5(e) · 10 marks

Explain the relevance of the idea of 'cultural lag' in understanding social change.

Topic · Social Change in Modern Society

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2015/explain-the-relevance-of-the-idea-of-cultural-lag-in-understanding-social-change/>

Q6(a) · 20 marks

"Education helps in perpetuating social and economic inequalities." Critically examine the statement.

Topic · Works and Economic Life

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2015/education-helps-in-perpetuating-social-and-economic-inequalities-critically-examine-the-statement/>

Q6(b) · 15 marks

Explain the conditions under which a collective action transforms into a social movement.

Topic · Politics and Society

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2015/explain-the-conditions-under-which-a-collective-action-transforms-into-a-social-movement/>

Q6(c) · 15 marks

How do the rules of descent and alliance in kinship differ from each other? Illustrate.

Topic · Systems of Kinship

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2015/how-do-the-rules-of-descent-and-alliance-in-kinship-differ-from-each-other-illustrate/>

Q7(a) · 20 marks

Define Secularisation. What are its major dimensions in the modern world?

Topic · Sociology

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Q7(b) · 15 marks

The increasing importance of the tertiary sector has weakened the formal organization of work in recent times. Examine the statement .

Topic · Works and Economic Life

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Q7(c) · 15 marks

Caste ideology appears to have strengthened democracy .Comment.

Topic · Politics and Society

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Q8(a) · 20 marks

"Globalization involves deterritorialization ." Examine with reference to the nation-state."

Topic · Politics and Society

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2015/globalization-involves-deterritorialization-examine-with-reference-to-the-nation-state/>

Q8(b) · 15 marks

Examine the dialectical relation between tradition and modernity in the study of social change.

Topic · Sociology

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2015/examine-the-dialectical-relation-between-tradition-and-modernity-in-the-study-of-social-change/>

Q8(c) · 15 marks

Elaborate the views of Durkheim on "The Elementary Forms of Religious Life"

Topic · Sociology

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Compiled answer key

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Q1(e) 10 marks	Q2(a) 20 marks	Q2(b) 15 marks	Q2(c) 15 marks
Q3(a) 20 marks	Q3(b) 15 marks	Q3(c) 15 marks	Q4(a) 20 marks
Q4(b) 15 marks	Q4(c) 15 marks	Q5(a) 10 marks	Q5(b) 10 marks
Q5(c) 10 marks	Q5(d) 10 marks	Q5(e) 10 marks	Q6(a) 20 marks
Q6(b) 15 marks	Q6(c) 15 marks	Q7(a) 20 marks	Q7(b) 15 marks
Q7(c) 15 marks	Q8(a) 20 marks	Q8(b) 15 marks	Q8(c) 15 marks

Question-wise key

Q1(a) · 10 marks Solution

Q1(b) · 10 marks Solution

Q1(c) · 10 marks Solution

Q1(d) · 10 marks Solution

Q1(e) · 10 marks Solution

Q2(a) · 20 marks Solution

Q2(b) · 15 marks Solution

Q2(c) · 15 marks Solution

Q3(a) · 20 marks Solution

Q3(b) · 15 marks Solution

Q3(c) · 15 marks Solution

Q4(a) · 20 marks Solution

Q4(b) · 15 marks Solution

Q4(c) · 15 marks Solution

Q5(a) · 10 marks Solution

Q5(b) · 10 marks Solution

Q5(c) · 10 marks Solution

Q5(d) · 10 marks Solution

Q5(e) · 10 marks Solution

Q6(a) · 20 marks Solution

Q6(b) · 15 marks Solution

Q6(c) · 15 marks Solution

Q7(a) · 20 marks Solution

Q7(b) · 15 marks Solution

Q7(c) · 15 marks Solution

Q8(a) · 20 marks Solution

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Q8(c) · 15 marks Solution

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