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UPSC Mains 2016 Sociology Paper 1

Questions only

<https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains/sociology/gs-1/2016/>

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

"Sociology is pre-eminently study of modern societies." Discuss

Topic · Religion and Society

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2016/sociology-is-pre-eminently-study-of-modern-societies-discuss/>

Q1(b) · 10 marks

What is 'value-free sociology'? Clarify

Topic · Sociology as Science

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2016/what-is-value-free-sociology-clarify/>

Q1(c) · 10 marks

Analyze the importance of qualitative methods in social research

Topic · Research Methods and Analysis

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2016/analyze-the-importance-of-qualitative-methods-in-social-research/>

Q1(d) · 10 marks

Evaluate Marx's ideas on mode of production

Topic · Sociological Thinkers: Karl Marx

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2016/evaluate-marxs-ideas-on-mode-of-production/>

Q1(e) · 10 marks

"Vertical mobility brings structural change even in a closed social system." Comment

Topic · Stratification and Mobility: Concepts

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2016/vertical-mobility-brings-structural-change-even-in-a-closed-social-system-comment/>

Q2(a) • 20 marks

Elucidate the basic premises of Davis' structural-functional theory of social stratification. How far is it relevant in understanding contemporary Indian society.

Topic · Stratification and Mobility: Concepts

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2016/elucidate-the-basic-premises-of-davis-structural-functional-theory-of-social-stratification-how-far-is-it-relevant-in-understanding-contemporary-indian-society/>

Q2(b) • 15 marks

Describe the functional prerequisites of social system as given by Talcott Parsons. Examined in the context of a university as a social system.

Topic · Sociological Thinkers: Karl Marx

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2016/describe-the-functional-prerequisites-of-social-system-as-given-by-talcott-parsons-examined-in-the-context-of-a-university-as-a-social-system/>

Q2(c) • 15 marks

Is sociology common sense? Give reasons in support of your argument.

Topic · Sociology

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2016/is-sociology-common-sense-give-reasons-in-support-of-your-argument/>

Q3(a) • 20 marks

Analyze the manifest and latent functions of 'security of the tenure of bureaucrats' in the light of Merton's theory.

Topic · Sociological Thinkers: Karl Marx

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2016/analyze-the-manifest-and-latent-functions-of-security-of-the-tenure-of-bureaucrats-in-the-light-of-mertons-theory/>

Q3(b) • 15 marks

Describe the basic postulates of scientific method. How far are these followed in sociological research?

Topic · Sociology as Science

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2016/describe-the-basic-postulates-of-scientific-method-how-far-are-these-followed-in-sociological-research/>

Q3(c) • 15 marks

"Hypothesis is a statement of the relationship between two or more variables." Elucidate by giving example of poverty and illiteracy.

Topic · Research Methods and Analysis

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2016/hypothesis-is-a-statement-of-the-relationship-between-two-or-more-variables-elucidate-by-giving-example-of-poverty-and-illiteracy/>

Q4(a) · 20 marks

Examine Max Weber's method of maintaining objectivity in social research.

Topic · Sociology as Science

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2016/examine-max-webers-method-of-maintaining-objectivity-in-social-research/>

Q4(b) · 15 marks

"Participant observation is the most effective tool for collecting facts." Comment.

Topic · Sociology

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2016/participant-observation-is-the-most-effective-tool-for-collecting-facts-comment/>

Q4(c) · 15 marks

Discuss the relationship between poverty and social exclusion

Topic · Stratification and Mobility: Concepts

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2016/discuss-the-relationship-between-poverty-and-social-exclusion/>

Q5(a) · 10 marks

Describe the nature of social organization of work in industrial society.

Topic · Works and Economic Life

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2016/describe-the-nature-of-social-organization-of-work-in-industrial-society/>

Q5(b) · 10 marks

Discuss the importance of 'power elite' in democracy.

Topic · Politics and Society

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2016/discuss-the-importance-of-power-elite-in-democracy/>

Q5(c) · 10 marks

Is religion playing an important role in increasing fundamentalism? Give reasons for your answer.

Topic · Religion and Society

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2016/is-religion-playing-an-important-role-in-increasing-fundamentalism-give-reasons-for-your-answer/>

Q5(d) · 10 marks

To what extent is patriarchy a cause for the problems of women? Discuss

Topic · Sociology

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2016/to-what-extent-is-patriarchy-a-cause-for-the-problems-of-women-discuss/>

Q5(e) · 10 marks

"Social conflict is both a cause and a consequence of social change." Explain.

Topic · Social Change in Modern Society

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2016/social-conflict-is-both-a-cause-and-a-consequence-of-social-change-explain/>

Q6(a) · 20 marks

"Globalization has pushed the labour into informal organization of work." Substantiate your answer with suitable examples.

Topic · Works and Economic Life

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2016/globalization-has-pushed-the-labour-into-informal-organization-of-work-substantiate-your-answer-with-suitable-examples/>

Q6(b) · 15 marks

"Social change can be brought about through development." Illustrate from the contemporary situation of India.

Topic · Social Change in Modern Society

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2016/social-change-can-be-brought-about-through-development-illustrate-from-the-contemporary-situation-of-india/>

Q6(c) · 15 marks

Examine the role of protest movements in changing the status of Dalits in India.

Topic · Politics and Society

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2016/examine-the-role-of-protest-movements-in-changing-the-status-of-dalits-in-india/>

Q7(a) · 20 marks

"Religious pluralism is the order of present-day societies." Explain by giving suitable examples.

Topic · Religion and Society

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2016/religious-pluralism-is-the-order-of-present-day-societies-explain-by-giving-suitable-examples/>

Q7(b) · 15 marks

Discuss the contemporary trends in family as a response to social change in modern society.

Topic · Social Change in Modern Society

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2016/discuss-the-contemporary-trends-in-family-as-a-response-to-social-change-in-modern-society/>

Q7(c) · 15 marks

To what extent revolution replaces the existing order of society? Discuss.

Topic · Politics and Society

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2016/to-what-extent-revolution-replaces-the-existing-order-of-society-discuss/>

Q8(a) · 20 marks

"Education is a major source of social mobility in contemporary society." Explain.

Topic · Social Change in Modern Society

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2016/education-is-a-major-source-of-social-mobility-in-contemporary-society-explain/>

Q8(b) · 15 marks

How is Durkheim's theory of religion different from Max Weber's theory of religion?

Topic · Sociology

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2016/how-is-durkheims-theory-of-religion-different-from-max-webers-theory-of-religion/>

Q8(c) · 15 marks

Distinguish between family and household as sociological concepts.

Topic · Systems of Kinship

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2016/distinguish-between-family-and-household-as-sociological-concepts/>

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

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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

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Q8(a) · 20 marks Solution

Q8(b) · 15 marks Solution

Q8(c) · 15 marks Solution

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