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UPSC Mains 2017 Sociology Paper 1

Questions only

<https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains/sociology/gs-1/2017/>

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

Explain how sociology has emerged as a distinct discipline based on rationality and scientific temper

Topic • Sociology

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2017/explain-how-sociology-has-emerged-as-a-distinct-discipline-based-on-rationality-and-scientific-temper/>

Q1(b) • 10 marks

Examine ethnomethodological and phenomenological perspective as critique of positivism

Topic • Sociology as Science

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2017/examine-ethnomethodological-and-phenomenological-perspective-as-critique-of-positivism/>

Q1(c) • 10 marks

Illustrate with example the significance of variable in sociology research

Topic • Sociology as Science

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2017/illustrate-with-example-the-significance-of-variable-in-sociology-research/>

Q1(d) • 10 marks

Critically analyse Talcott Parsons conception of pattern variable

Topic • Sociological Thinkers: Karl Marx

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2017/critically-analyse-talcott-parsons-conception-of-pattern-variable/>

Q1(e) • 10 marks

Can we equate 'poverty' with 'poor living' ? Elaborate your answer

Topic • Sociology

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2017/can-we-equate-poverty-with-poor-living-elaborate-your-answer/>

Q2(a) · 20 marks

Discuss the changing equation of discipline of sociology with other social sciences

Topic · Sociology

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2017/discuss-the-changing-equation-of-discipline-of-sociology-with-other-social-sciences/>

Q2(b) · 20 marks

Examine the basic postulates of positivism and post-positivism

Topic · Sociology

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2017/examine-the-basic-postulates-of-positivism-and-post-positivism/>

Q2(c) · 10 marks

Elaborate the main tenets of interpretative perspective in sociology

Topic · Sociology

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2017/elaborate-the-main-tenets-of-interpretative-perspective-in-sociology/>

Q3(a) · 20 marks

Discuss distinct sociological method adopted by Emile Durkheim in his study of 'suicide'

Topic · Sociological Thinkers: Karl Marx

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2017/discuss-distinct-sociological-method-adopted-by-emile-durkheim-in-his-study-of-suicide/>

Q3(b) · 20 marks

Analyse Marxian conception of historical materialism as a critique of Hegelian dialectics

Topic · Sociological Thinkers: Karl Marx

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2017/analyse-marxian-conception-of-historical-materialism-as-a-critique-of-hegelian-dialectics/>

Q3(c) · 10 marks

Examine epistemological foundation of qualitative methods of social research

Topic · Research Methods and Analysis

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2017/examine-epistemological-foundation-of-qualitative-methods-of-social-research/>

Q4(a) · 20 marks

What is Weberian critique of Marxist notion of social stratification

Topic · Stratification and Mobility: Concepts

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2017/what-is-weberian-critique-of-marxist-notion-of-social-stratification/>

Q4(b) • 20 marks

Examine gender. Ethnicity and race as major dimensions of social stratification

Topic · Stratification and Mobility: Concepts

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2017/examine-gender-ethnicity-and-race-as-major-dimensions-of-social-stratification/>

Q4(c) • 10 marks

How can one resolve the issue of reliability and validity in the context of sociological research on inequality ?

Topic · Research Methods and Analysis

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2017/how-can-one-resolve-the-issue-of-reliability-and-validity-in-the-context-of-sociological-research-on-inequality/>

Q5(a) • 10 marks

What do you understand by informalisation of labour ' ? Write your answer with special reference to India

Topic · Sociological Thinkers: Karl Marx

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2017/what-do-you-understand-by-informalisation-of-labour-write-your-answer-with-special-reference-to-india/>

Q5(b) • 10 marks

Discuss the changing interface between state and civil society in post-independent India

Topic · Politics and Society

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2017/discuss-the-changing-interface-between-state-and-civil-society-in-post-independent-india/>

Q5(c) • 10 marks

Give an assessment of Durkheimian notion of 'sacred' and 'profane' in sociology of religion

Topic · Sociological Thinkers: Karl Marx

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2017/give-an-assessment-of-durkheimian-notion-of-sacred-and-profane-in-sociology-of-religion/>

Q5(d) • 10 marks

Examine 'patriarchal bargain ' as gendered division of work in contemporary India

Topic · Systems of Kinship

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2017/examine-patriarchal-bargain-as-gendered-division-of-work-in-contemporary-india/>

Q5(e) · 10 marks

Assess the role of mass media as an agent of social change

Topic · Social Change in Modern Society

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2017/assess-the-role-of-mass-media-as-a-n-agent-of-social-change/>

Q6(a) · 20 marks

Trace the changing nature of organisation of work in capitalist society over the years

Topic · Works and Economic Life

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2017/trace-the-changing-nature-of-organisation-of-work-in-capitalist-society-over-the-years/>

Q6(b) · 20 marks

What is new in 'new social movement'? Elaborate your answer with special reference to India

Topic · Sociological Thinkers: Karl Marx

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2017/what-is-new-in-new-social-movement-elaborate-your-answer-with-special-reference-to-india/>

Q6(c) · 10 marks

Examine the dynamics of pressure group in multi-party political system

Topic · Politics and Society

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2017/examine-the-dynamics-of-pressure-group-in-multi-party-political-system/>

Q7(a) · 10 marks

Examine the relationship between the contemporary trends in marriage and changing from family

Topic · Systems of Kinship

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2017/examine-the-relationship-between-the-contemporary-trends-in-marriage-and-changing-from-family/>

Q7(b) · 20 marks

Discuss the regional variations of kinship system in Indian society

Topic · Sociological Thinkers: Karl Marx

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2017/discuss-the-regional-variations-of-kinship-system-in-indian-society/>

Q7(c) · 10 marks

Problematize the concept of secularism in the present context

Topic · Sociology

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2017/problematize-the-concept-of-secularism-in-the-present-context/>

Q8(a) · 20 marks

Examine any two theories of social change in detail society

Topic · Social Change in Modern Society

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2017/examine-any-two-theories-of-social-change-in-detail-society/>

Q8(b) · 20 marks

Critically analyse the role of science and technology in bringing about social change

Topic · Social Change in Modern Society

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2017/critically-analyse-the-role-of-science-and-technology-in-bringing-about-social-change/>

Q8(c) · 10 marks

Elaborate on various types of religious practices prevalent in India society

Topic · Religion and Society

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2017/elaborate-on-various-types-of-religious-practices-prevalent-in-india-society/>

Compiled answer key

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

Q2(c) · 10 marks Solution

Q3(a) · 20 marks Solution

Q3(b) · 20 marks Solution

Q3(c) · 10 marks Solution

Q4(a) · 20 marks Solution

Q4(b) · 20 marks Solution

Q4(c) · 10 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) · 20 marks Solution

Q6(c) · 10 marks Solution

Q7(a) · 10 marks Solution

Q7(b) · 20 marks Solution

Q7(c) · 10 marks Solution

Q8(a) · 20 marks Solution

Q8(b) · 20 marks Solution

Q8(c) · 10 marks Solution

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