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UPSC Mains 2018 Sociology Paper 1

Questions only

<https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains/sociology/gs-1/2018/>

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

The focal point of sociology rests on interaction. How do you distinguish it from common sense?

Topic · Sociology

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2018/the-focal-point-of-sociology-rests-on-interaction-how-do-you-distinguish-it-from-common-sense/>

Q1(b) · 10 marks

Distinguish between fact and value in Weber's Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism

Topic · Sociological Thinkers: Karl Marx

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2018/distinguish-between-fact-and-value-in-webers-protestant-ethic-and-the-spirit-of-capitalism/>

Q1(c) · 10 marks

Do you think T and Me are central terms in Mead's work

Topic · Sociology

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2018/do-you-think-t-and-me-are-central-terms-in-meads-work/>

Q1(d) · 10 marks

What is the difference between natural and social inequality examples from caste and class dimensions

Topic · Stratification and Mobility: Concepts

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2018/what-is-the-difference-between-natural-and-social-inequality-examples-from-caste-and-class-dimensions/>

Q1(e) · 10 marks

What are the new forms of family in developed societies? Discuss

Topic · Systems of Kinship

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2018/what-are-the-new-forms-of-family-in-developed-societies-discuss/>

Q2(a) · 20 marks

Is non-positivist methodology scientific? Illustrate.

Topic · Sociology as Science

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2018/is-non-positivist-methodology-scientific-illustrate/>

Q2(b) · 15 marks

Explain Durkheim's basic arguments on suicide. Can you analyse high suicide rates of contemporary Indian society with Durkheim's theory?

Topic · Sociological Thinkers: Karl Marx

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2018/explain-durkheims-basic-arguments-on-suicide-can-you-analyse-high-suicide-rates-of-contemporary-indian-society-with-durkheims-theory/>

Q2(c) · 15 marks

Evaluate if social stratification is functional for society.

Topic · Sociological Thinkers: Karl Marx

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2018/evaluate-if-social-stratification-is-functional-for-society/>

Q3(a) · 20 marks

Does the collapse of functionalism and bankruptcy of Marxism coincide with the rupture of modernity? Discuss.

Topic · Sociology

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2018/does-the-collapse-of-functionalism-and-bankruptcy-of-marxism-coincide-with-the-rupture-of-modernity-discuss/>

Q3(b) · 15 marks

Define patriarchy. How does patriarchy manifest in interpersonal relations?

Topic · Sociology

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2018/define-patriarchy-how-does-patriarchy-manifest-in-interpersonal-relations/>

Q3(c) · 15 marks

What is the difference between anomie in Merton and Durkheim? Explain.

Topic · Sociological Thinkers: Karl Marx

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2018/what-is-the-difference-between-anomie-in-merton-and-durkheim-explain/>

Q4(a) · 20 marks

According to Marx, how are human beings alienated from their human potential and what does he suggest to change this?

Topic · Sociology

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2018/according-to-marx-how-are-human-beings-alienated-from-their-human-potential-and-what-does-he-suggest-to-change-this/>

Q4(b) · 15 marks

Schooling does not ensure upward mobility of all members of this society. Discuss with reference in class societies.

Topic · Sociological Thinkers: Karl Marx

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Q4(c) · 15 marks

Discuss the challenges thrown by religious revivalism to a secular nation-state.

Topic · Politics and Society

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Q5(a) · 10 marks

Is the theory of cultural lag valid in present times? Discuss

Topic · Sociology

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2018/is-the-theory-of-cultural-lag-valid-in-present-times-discuss/>

Q5(b) · 10 marks

Are social movements primordial in means and progressive in agenda? Explain

Topic · Politics and Society

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2018/are-social-movements-primordial-in-means-and-progressive-in-agenda-explain/>

Q5(c) · 10 marks

Does scientific method make Sociology a Science? Illustrate your answer with Durkheim's method.

Topic · Sociology as Science

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2018/does-scientific-method-make-sociology-a-science-illustrate-your-answer-with-durkheim's-method/>

Q5(d) · 10 marks

Distinguish between qualitative techniques of data collection with suitable examples from Indian society.

Topic · Research Methods and Analysis

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2018/distinguish-between-qualitative-techniques-of-data-collection-with-suitable-examples-from-indian-society/>

Q5(e) · 10 marks

In social mobility possible in closed systems of stratification ? Illustrate from research work.

Topic · Stratification and Mobility: Concepts

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2018/in-social-mobility-possible-in-closed-systems-of-stratification-illustrate-from-research-work/>

Q6(a) · 20 marks

Discuss the nature of social organization of work in capitalist society with reference to the Limits of the working day.

Topic · Works and Economic Life

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Q6(b) · 15 marks

Distinguish between family and household with reference to the concept of development of the household.

Topic · Systems of Kinship

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Q6(c) · 15 marks

Explain with examples, the explanatory and exploratory designs of social research.

Topic · Sociology

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2018/explain-with-examples-the-explanatory-and-exploratory-designs-of-social-research/>

Q7(a) · 20 marks

How can Parsons' AGIL framework be used to analyse key problems in a society? Discuss.

Topic · Sociological Thinkers: Karl Marx

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Q7(b) · 15 marks

What is labour commitment? Discuss it with reference to studies of manufacturing industry.

Topic · Sociological Thinkers: Karl Marx

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2018/what-is-labour-commitment-discuss-it-with-reference-to-studies-of-manufacturing-industry/>

Q7(c) · 15 marks

What, according to Pareto, are the basic characteristics of elites? Discuss.

Topic · Sociology

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Q8(a) · 20 marks

"The sociological imagination enables us to grasp SOCIOLOGY and biography and the relationship between the two in society." - C.W.Mills . Explain.

Topic · Sociological Thinkers: Karl Marx

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2018/the-sociological-imagination-enables-us-to-grasp-sociology-and-biography-and-the-relationship-between-the-two-in-society-c-w-mills-explain/>

Q8(b) · 15 marks

What is sects? Discuss their role in multi-religious societies with empirical examples.

Topic · Religion and Society

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2018/what-is-sects-discuss-their-role-in-multi-religious-societies-with-empirical-examples/>

Q8(c) · 15 marks

In what way did Durkheim perceive religion as functional to society?

Topic · Sociological Thinkers: Karl Marx

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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

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