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UPSC Mains 2019 Sociology Paper 1

Questions only

<https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains/sociology/gs-1/2019/>

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

Discuss the historical antecedents of the emergence of Sociology as a discipline

Topic • Sociology

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2019/discuss-the-historical-antecedents-of-the-emergence-of-sociology-as-a-discipline/>

Q1(b) • 10 marks

Davis and Moore made it clear that social stratification is a functional necessity and also an unconscious device. Discuss

Topic • Stratification and Mobility: Concepts

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2019/davis-and-moore-made-it-clear-that-social-stratification-is-a-functional-necessity-and-also-an-unconscious-device-discuss/>

Q1(c) • 10 marks

What is the Marxist concept of 'fetishism of commodities'?

Topic • Sociology

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2019/what-is-the-marxist-concept-of-fetishism-of-commodities/>

Q1(d) • 10 marks

Present a sociological review on the 'new middle class'

Topic • Sociological Thinkers: Karl Marx

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2019/present-a-sociological-review-on-the-new-middle-class/>

Q1(e) • 10 marks

Explain the probability sampling strategies with examples

Topic • Sociology

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Q2(a) · 20 marks

According to Mead, "We play a key role in our own socialization."

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Q2(b) · 20 marks

Bring out the significance of Ethnography in social research

Topic · Sociology

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2019/bring-out-the-significance-of-ethnography-in-social-research/>

Q2(c) · 10 marks

What is 'reserve army of labour' ? Present the position of feminist scholars on this

Topic · Sociology

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2019/what-is-reserve-army-of-labour-present-the-position-of-feminist-scholars-on-this/>

Q3(a) · 20 marks

Discuss the importance of interpretative understanding of social phenomena and explain its limitations

Topic · Sociology

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Q3(b) · 20 marks

Are all world religions patriarchal ? Substantiate your answer with examples

Topic · Sociology

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Q3(c) · 10 marks

What, according to Merton, is the difference between 'unanticipated consequences' and 'latent functions' ? Give examples to elaborate

Topic · Sociological Thinkers: Karl Marx

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2019/what-according-to-merton-is-the-difference-between-unanticipated-consequences-and-latent-functions-give-examples-to-elaborate/>

Q4(a) · 20 marks

Modernization presupposes class society; however caste, ethnicity and race are still predominant. Explain

Topic · Stratification and Mobility: Concepts

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Q4(b) · 20 marks

Compare and Contrast the contributions of Marx and Weber on social stratification in capitalist society

Topic · Sociological Thinkers: Karl Marx

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2019/compare-and-contrast-the-contributions-of-marx-and-weber-on-social-stratification-in-capitalist-society/>

Q4(c) · 10 marks

What, according to Irawati Karve, are the Major difference between North Indian and South Indian Kinship system?

Topic · Sociology

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Q5(a) · 10 marks

Differentiate between 'Life-chances' and 'Life-style' with suitable examples

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Q5(b) · 10 marks

Discuss the issues of access and exclusion in higher education in India

Topic · Sociology

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Q5(c) · 10 marks

What is civil society ? Present a note on civil society engagement with science and technology policy in India

Topic · Social Change in Modern Society

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2019/what-is-civil-society-present-a-note-on-civil-society-engagement-with-science-and-technology-policy-in-india/>

Q5(d) · 10 marks

Critique A.G. Frank's 'development of underdevelopment'

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Q5(e) • 10 marks

How well do you think Tonnies, Durkheim, Weber and Marx predicted the character of Modern society ? Critique

Topic · Sociological Thinkers: Karl Marx

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Q6(a) • 20 marks

Why is gender dimension of social stratification ? How does gender intersect other dimensions of inequality based on caste, class, race and ethnicity ?

Topic · Stratification and Mobility: Concepts

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Q6(b) • 20 marks

What are the theoretical models of societal power ? Which one of them is most applicable in advanced industrial societies ?

Topic · Sociology

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Q6(c) • 10 marks

What is affirmative action ? Substantiate theoretical positions on affirmative actions with example

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Q7(a) • 20 marks

What is 'informal labour' ? Discuss the need for and challenges in regulating informal labour in the post-industrial society

Topic · Works and Economic Life

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Q7(b) • 20 marks

Feminist scholars argue that 'New media' is masculine and hence reinforces structural hierarchies rather than reconfiguring them. Comment

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Q7(c) · 10 marks

Discuss the concept of circulation of elite

Topic · Sociology

Solution —

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Q8(a) · 20 marks

In the light of judicial intervention on 'Live-in relationships', discuss the future of marriage and family in India

Topic · Systems of Kinship

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Q8(b) · 20 marks

How, according to Merton, are deviant subcultures generated ?

Topic · Sociology

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Q8(c) · 10 marks

How is terrorism a new form of asymmetrical warfare ? What are some of the challenges in trying to win the war on terrorism ?

Topic · Sociology

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Compiled answer key

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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) 20 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) · 20 marks Solution

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