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UPSC Mains 2020 Sociology Paper 1

Questions only

<https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains/sociology/gs-1/2020/>

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

How did the intellectual forces lead to the emergence of sociology ? Discuss.

Topic • Sociology

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2020/how-did-the-intellectual-forces-lead-to-the-emergence-of-sociology-discuss/>

Q1(b) • 10 marks

Is sociology a value-free science ? Discuss.

Topic • Sociology as Science

Solution —

<https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2020/is-sociology-a-value-free-science-discuss/>

Q1(c) • 10 marks

Methodology is a system of rules, principles and procedures, which forms. scientific investigation. Comment.

Topic • Sociology as Science

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2020/methodology-is-a-system-of-rules-principles-and-procedures-which-forms-scientific-investigation-comment/>

Q1(d) • 10 marks

'Ideal Types of Max Weber are mental constructs, they do not correspond to the reality. Give your views.

Topic • Sociological Thinkers: Karl Marx

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2020/ideal-types-of-max-weber-are-mental-constructs-they-do-not-correspond-to-the-reality-give-your-views/>

Q1(e) • 10 marks

Analyse the relevance of 'Pattern variables' in the study of social change.

Topic • Sociological Thinkers: Karl Marx

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2020/analyse-the-relevance-of-pattern-variables-in-the-study-of-social-change/>

Q2(a) · 20 marks

What are the reactions of R.K. Merton to the functionalism of social anthropologists ? Bring out the limitations of latent functions.

Topic · Sociological Thinkers: Karl Marx

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2020/what-are-the-reactions-of-r-k-merton-to-the-functionalism-of-social-anthropologists-bring-out-the-limitations-of-latent-functions/>

Q2(b) · 15 marks

How are Hierarchy and Exclusion the major impediments in the transformation of societies ? Discuss.

Topic · Stratification and Mobility: Concepts

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2020/how-are-hierarchy-and-exclusion-the-major-impediments-in-the-transformation-of-societies-discuss/>

Q2(c) · 15 marks

Explain democracy as an order of society. What are the factors preventing people's participation in politics?

Topic · Politics and Society

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2020/explain-democracy-as-an-order-of-society-what-are-the-factors-preventing-peoples-participation-in-politics/>

Q3(a) · 20 marks

Capitalism has brought increasing informalisation of work in society. Substantiate your answer.

Topic · Sociological Thinkers: Karl Marx

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2020/capitalism-has-brought-increasing-informalisation-of-work-in-society-substantiate-your-answer/>

Q3(b) · 15 marks

Critically Analyse Durkheim's views on elementary forms of religious life and role of religion Also discuss the consequences of religious revivalism in contemporary society.

Topic · Religion and Society

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2020/critically-analyse-durkheims-views-on-elementary-forms-of-religious-life-and-role-of-religion-also-discuss-the-consequences-of-religious-revivalism-in-contemporary-society/>

Q3(c) · 15 marks

Discuss the consequences of Across Region marriage on kinship system in modern Indian society.

Topic · Sociological Thinkers: Karl Marx

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2020/discuss-the-consequences-of-across-region-marriage-on-kinship-system-in-modern-indian-society/>

Q4(a) · 20 marks

Is humanity at the mercy of Nature, Science and Technology ? Comment in the light of pandemic situation.

Topic · Social Change in Modern Society

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2020/is-humanity-at-the-mercy-of-nature-science-and-technology-comment-in-the-light-of-pandemic-situation/>

Q4(b) · 15 marks

According to Durkheim, "The major function of education is the transmission of society's norms and values." Discuss.

Topic · Sociology

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2020/according-to-durkheim-the-major-function-of-education-is-the-transmission-of-societys-norms-and-values-discuss/>

Q4(c) · 15 marks

Critically assess social mobility in closed and open systems.

Topic · Stratification and Mobility: Concepts

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2020/critically-assess-social-mobility-in-closed-and-open-systems/>

Q5(a) · 10 marks

In the context of globalisation, has the scope of sociology been changing India ? Comment.

Topic · Sociology

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2020/in-the-context-of-globalisation-has-the-scope-of-sociology-been-changing-india-comment/>

Q5(b) · 10 marks

Discuss the importance and sources of hypothesis in social research.

Topic · Research Methods and Analysis

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2020/discuss-the-importance-and-sources-of-hypothesis-in-social-research/>

Q5(c) · 10 marks

What are the problems in observing social facts in Durkheim's views?

Topic · Sociology

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2020/what-are-the-problems-in-observing-social-facts-in-durkheims-views/>

Q5(d) · 10 marks

State the reasons for the various religious beliefs and practices in pre-modern societies.

Topic · Religion and Society

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2020/state-the-reasons-for-the-various-religious-beliefs-and-practices-in-pre-modern-societies/>

Q5(e) · 10 marks

Does the institution of marriage continue to be sacred in Indian society? Comments.

Topic · Sociology

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2020/does-the-institution-of-marriage-continue-to-be-sacred-in-indian-society-comments/>

Q6(a) · 20 marks

Discuss the new labour codes and their impact on formal and informal labour in India.

Topic · Works and Economic Life

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Q6(b) · 15 marks

According to Mills, "Elites rule in institutional terms rather than psychological terms." Comment.

Topic · Sociology

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Q6(c) · 15 marks

Analyse the strengths and weaknesses of social survey method in social research.

Topic · Sociology as Science

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Q7(a) · 20 marks

Technology has accelerated the process of development and dependency. Discuss.

Topic · Social Change in Modern Society

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Q7(b) · 15 marks

Phenomenological perspectives in sociology reject many of the assumptions of positivism. Comment.

Topic · Sociology as Science

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Q7(c) · 15 marks

Critically assess the Marxian theory of 'Alienation'."

Topic · Sociology

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Q8(a) · 20 marks

How does Marx view social conflict as an essential element in social change?

Topic · Sociological Thinkers: Karl Marx

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2020/how-does-marx-view-social-conflict-as-an-essential-element-in-social-change/>

Q8(b) · 15 marks

What is the impact of gender division of labour on the development of society?

Topic · Sociological Thinkers: Karl Marx

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2020/what-is-the-impact-of-gender-division-of-labour-on-the-development-of-society/>

Q8(c) · 15 marks

Examine how social movements come to an end. Illustrate with examples.

Topic · Politics and Society

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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

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Q3(c) · 15 marks Solution

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Q4(c) · 15 marks Solution

Q5(a) · 10 marks Solution

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Q6(a) · 20 marks Solution

Q6(b) · 15 marks Solution

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Q8(c) · 15 marks Solution

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