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UPSC Mains 2021 Sociology Paper 1

Questions only

<https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains/sociology/gs-1/2021/>

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

Europe was the first and the only place where modernity emerged. Comment

Topic · Sociology

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2021/europe-was-the-first-and-the-only-place-where-modernity-emerged-comment/>

Q1(b) · 10 marks

Do you think ethnomethodology helps us in getting reliable and valid data ? Justify your answer

Topic · Sociology

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2021/do-you-think-ethnomethodology-helps-us-in-getting-reliable-and-valid-data-justify-your-answer/>

Q1(c) · 10 marks

Discuss the challenges involved in collecting data through census method

Topic · Sociology

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2021/discuss-the-challenges-involved-in-collecting-data-through-census-method/>

Q1(d) · 10 marks

Explain whether Durkheim's theory of Division of Labour is relevant in the present day context

Topic · Sociological Thinkers: Karl Marx

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2021/explain-whether-durkheims-theory-of-division-of-labour-is-relevant-in-the-present-day-context/>

Q1(e) · 10 marks

Critically examine Max Weber's theory of Social Stratification.

Topic · Stratification and Mobility: Concepts

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2021/critically-examine-max-webers-theory-of-social-stratification/>

Q2(a) · 20 marks

From the viewpoint of growing importance of multidisciplinary, how do you relate sociology to other social sciences ?

Topic · Sociology

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2021/from-the-viewpoint-of-growing-importance-of-multidisciplinary-how-do-you-relate-sociology-to-other-social-sciences/>

Q2(b) · 20 marks

How far are sociologists justified in using positivist approach to understand social reality ? Explain with suitable illustrations

Topic · Sociology

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2021/how-far-are-sociologists-justified-in-using-positivist-approach-to-understand-social-reality-explain-with-suitable-illustrations/>

Q2(c) · 10 marks

How is sociology related to common sense ?

Topic · Sociology

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2021/how-is-sociology-related-to-common-sense/>

Q3(a) · 20 marks

How do qualitative and quantitative methods supplement each other in sociological enquiry?

Topic · Research Methods and Analysis

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2021/how-do-qualitative-and-quantitative-methods-supplement-each-other-in-sociological-enquiry/>

Q3(b) · 20 marks

Critically examine the dialectics involved in each mode of production as propounded by Karl Marx

Topic · Sociological Thinkers: Karl Marx

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2021/critically-examine-the-dialectics-involved-in-each-mode-of-production-as-propounded-by-karl-marx/>

Q3(c) · 10 marks

Do you agree with Max Weber's idea that bureaucracy has the potential to become an iron cage ? Justify your answer

Topic · Sociology

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2021/do-you-agree-with-max-webers-idea-that-bureaucracy-has-the-potential-to-become-an-iron-cage-justify-your-answer/>

Q4(a) · 20 marks

Explain the concept of social mobility. Describe with suitable illustrations how education and social mobility are related to each other

Topic · Stratification and Mobility: Concepts

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2021/explain-the-concept-of-social-mobility-describe-with-suitable-illustrations-how-education-and-social-mobility-are-related-to-each-other/>

Q4(b) · 20 marks

How has the idea of Work From Home forced us to redefine the formal and informal organisation of work ?

Topic · Works and Economic Life

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2021/how-has-the-idea-of-work-from-home-forced-us-to-redefine-the-formal-and-informal-organisation-of-work/>

Q4(c) · 10 marks

With suitable examples, explain how conformity and deviance coexist in a society as propounded by R.K. Merton

Topic · Sociological Thinkers: Karl Marx

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2021/with-suitable-examples-explain-how-conformity-and-deviance-coexist-in-a-society-as-propounded-by-r-k-merton/>

Q5(a) · 10 marks

Explain the emerging challenges in establishing gender equality in the informal sector

Topic · Stratification and Mobility: Concepts

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2021/explain-the-emerging-challenges-in-establishing-gender-equality-in-the-informal-sector/>

Q5(b) · 10 marks

Critically examine the relevance of Vilfredo Pareto's theory of Circulation of Elites in the present scenario

Topic · Sociology

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2021/critically-examine-the-relevance-of-vilfredo-paretos-theory-of-circulation-of-elites-in-the-present-scenario/>

Q5(c) · 10 marks

Critically compare the views of E.B. Tylor and Max Muller on Religion

Topic · Sociology

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2021/critically-compare-the-views-of-e-b-tylor-and-max-muller-on-religion/>

Q5(d) · 10 marks

What is cult ? Explain the growth of cults in the contemporary world

Topic · Sociology

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2021/what-is-cult-explain-the-growth-of-cults-in-the-contemporary-world/>

Q5(e) · 10 marks

Do you think Talcott Parsons gave an adequate theory of social change? Justify your answer

Topic · Sociological Thinkers: Karl Marx

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2021/do-you-think-talcott-parsons-gave-an-adequate-theory-of-social-change-justify-your-answer/>

Q6(a) · 20 marks

Elucidate the main problems and challenges faced by the migrant labourers in the recent 'Lockdown period'

Topic · Sociology

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2021/elucidate-the-main-problems-and-challenges-faced-by-the-migrant-labourers-in-the-recent-lockdown-period/>

Q6(b) · 20 marks

Explain how political parties and pressure groups are dialectically related to each other in terms of achieving their goals

Topic · Politics and Society

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2021/explain-how-political-parties-and-pressure-groups-are-dialectically-related-to-each-other-in-terms-of-achieving-their-goals/>

Q6(c) · 10 marks

Give your comments on the growth of religious revivalism in the present day context

Topic · Religion and Society

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2021/give-your-comments-on-the-growth-of-religious-revivalism-in-the-present-day-context/>

Q7(a) · 20 marks

Explain how the pattern of patriarchy is being altered in a family and at the workplace in the present context.

Topic · Systems of Kinship

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2021/explain-how-the-pattern-of-patriarchy-is-being-altered-in-a-family-and-at-the-workplace-in-the-present-context/>

Q7(b) · 15 marks

Critically examine the contribution of dependency theories in understanding the present global scenario.

Topic · Social Change in Modern Society

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2021/critically-examine-the-contribution-of-dependency-theories-in-understanding-the-present-global-scenario/>

Q7(c) · 15 marks

Explain the growing salience of ethnicity in the contemporary world with illustrations.

Topic · Sociology

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2021/explain-the-growing-salience-of-ethnicity-in-the-contemporary-world-with-illustrations/>

Q8(a) · 20 marks

Discuss the changing nature of kinship relations in the contemporary world.

Topic · Systems of Kinship

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2021/discuss-the-changing-nature-of-kinship-relations-in-the-contemporary-world/>

Q8(b) · 15 marks

Describe the role of Science and Technology in enabling us to face the challenges triggered by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Topic · Social Change in Modern Society

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2021/describe-the-role-of-science-and-technology-in-enabling-us-to-face-the-challenges-triggered-by-the-covid-19-pandemic/>

Q8(c) · 15 marks

Highlight the roles and functions of civil society in a democratic system.

Topic · Sociological Thinkers: Karl Marx

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2021/highlight-the-roles-and-functions-of-civil-society-in-a-democratic-system/>

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) 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) · 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

Q7(b) · 15 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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