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UPSC Mains 2023 Sociology Paper 1

Questions only

<https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains/sociology/gs-1/2023/>

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

What is the distinctiveness of the feminist method of social research? Comment

Topic · Sociology as Science

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2023/what-is-the-distinctiveness-of-the-feminist-method-of-social-research-comment/>

Q1(b) · 10 marks

Discuss the relationship between sociology and political science

Topic · Sociology as Science

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Q1(c) · 10 marks

How does the dramaturgical perspective enable our understanding of everyday life?

Topic · Sociology

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Q1(d) · 10 marks

Is reference group theory a universally applicable model? Elucidate

Topic · Sociology

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Q1(e) · 10 marks

Do you think that the boundary line between ethnicity and race is blurred? Justify your answer

Topic · Stratification and Mobility: Concepts

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2023/do-you-think-that-the-boundary-line-between-ethnicity-and-race-is-blurred-justify-your-answer/>

Q2(a) • 20 marks

What, according to Robert Michels, is the iron law of oligarchy? Do lions folly and foxes in Vilfredo Pareto's theory, essentially differ from each other? Substantiate

Topic · Sociology

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Q2(b) • 20 marks

What is historical materialism? Examine its relevance in understanding contemporary societies

Topic · Sociological Thinkers: Karl Marx

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2023/what-is-historical-materialism-examine-its-relevance-in-understanding-contemporary-societies/>

Q2(c) • 10 marks

What are variables? How do they facilitate research?

Topic · Research Methods and Analysis

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2023/what-are-variables-how-do-they-facilitate-research/>

Q3(a) • 20 marks

What are the characteristics of scientific method? Do you think that scientific method in conducting sociological research is foolproof? Elaborate

Topic · Sociology as Science

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Q3(b) • 20 marks

How do you assess the changing patterns in kinship relations in societies today?

Topic · Sociology

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Q3(c) • 10 marks

Is Weber's idea of bureaucracy a product of the historical experiences of Europe? Comment

Topic · Sociological Thinkers: Karl Marx

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Q4(a) · 20 marks

Do you think that common sense is the starting point of social research? What are its advantages and limitations? Explain

Topic · Sociology

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Q4(b) · 20 marks

How is poverty a form of social exclusion? Illustrate in this connection the different dimensions of poverty and social exclusion

Topic · Stratification and Mobility: Concepts

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2023/how-is-poverty-a-form-of-social-exclusion-illustrate-in-this-connection-the-different-dimensions-of-poverty-and-social-exclusion/>

Q4(c) · 10 marks

Highlight the differences and similarities between totemism and animism

Topic · Sociology

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Q5(a) · 10 marks

Examine the relevance of corporate social responsibility in a world marked by increasing environmental crises

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Q5(b) · 10 marks

How is civil society useful in deepening the roots of democracy?

Topic · Politics and Society

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2023/how-is-civil-society-useful-in-deepening-the-roots-of-democracy/>

Q5(c) · 10 marks

What functions does religion perform in a pluralistic society?

Topic · Sociological Thinkers: Karl Marx

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Q5(d) · 10 marks

Analyze critically David Morgan's views on family practices

Topic · Sociology

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Q5(e) · 10 marks

Does women's education help to eradicate patriarchal discriminations? Reflect with illustrations

Topic · Sociology

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Q6(a) · 20 marks

What are the different dimensions of qualitative method? Do you think that qualitative method helps to gain a deeper sociological insight? Give reasons for your answer

Topic · Sociology

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Q6(b) · 20 marks

Explain Max Weber's theory of social stratification. How does Weber's idea of class differ from that of Marx?

Topic · Sociological Thinkers: Karl Marx

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Q6(c) · 10 marks

What are the ethical issues that a researcher faces in making use of participant observation as a method of collecting data? Explain

Topic · Sociology

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Q7(a) · 20 marks

Explain how economic globalization has brought changes in the patterns of employment in the 21st century

Topic · Sociology

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Q7(b) · 20 marks

Do you think that the social media has brought significant changes in the forms of protest? Argue your case

Topic · Sociology

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Q7(c) · 10 marks

Assess critically A. G. Frank's theory of development of underdevelopment'

Topic · Sociology

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Q8(a) · 20 marks

What is Taylorism? Analyze its merits and demerits

Topic · Sociology

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Q8(b) · 20 marks

What are new religious movements? Elaborate emphasizing their forms and orientations

Topic · Sociology

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Q8(c) · 10 marks

Examine the role of science and technology in addressing age-old taboos and superstitions

Topic · Social Change in Modern Society

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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) 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

Q7(b) · 20 marks Solution

Q7(c) · 10 marks Solution

Q8(a) · 20 marks Solution

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Q8(c) · 10 marks Solution

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