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UPSC Mains 2024 Sociology Paper 1

Questions only

<https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains/sociology/gs-1/2024/>

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 nature of Sociology. Highlight its relationship with Social Anthropology.

Topic • Sociology

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2024/discuss-the-nature-of-sociology-highlight-its-relationship-with-social-anthropology/>

Q1(b) • 10 marks

Analyse the changing nature of caste as a status group.

Topic • Sociology

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2024/analyse-the-changing-nature-of-caste-as-a-status-group/>

Q1(c) • 10 marks

Marriage as an institution has undergone a radical transformation from 'ritual' to 'commercial' in its outlook. Explain the factors behind this change.

Topic • Sociology

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2024/marriage-as-an-institution-has-undergone-a-radical-transformation-from-ritual-to-commercial-in-its-outlook-explain-the-factors-behind-this-change/>

Q1(d) • 10 marks

Democracy needs a vibrant culture of civil society in order to strengthen its foundation of citizenship. Comment.

Topic • Politics and Society

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2024/democracy-needs-a-vibrant-culture-of-civil-society-in-order-to-strengthen-its-foundation-of-citizenship-comment/>

Q1(e) · 10 marks

What are the 'basic and irreducible' functions of the family as proposed by Talcott Parsons? Explain.

Topic · Sociological Thinkers: Karl Marx

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2024/what-are-the-basic-and-irreducible-functions-of-the-family-as-proposed-by-talcott-parsons-explain/>

Q2(a) · 20 marks

Sociology is the product of European enlightenment and renaissance. Critically examine this statement

Topic · Sociology

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2024/sociology-is-the-product-of-european-enlightenment-and-renaissance-critically-examine-this-statement/>

Q2(b) · 20 marks

Do you think 'objectivity' is an over-hyped idea in sociological research? Discuss the merits and demerits of non-positivist methods

Topic · Sociology as Science

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2024/do-you-think-objectivity-is-an-over-hyped-idea-in-sociological-research-discuss-the-merits-and-demerits-of-non-positivist-methods/>

Q2(c) · 10 marks

What is social mobility? Critically examine the classification of 'closed' and 'open' models of social stratification

Topic · Stratification and Mobility: Concepts

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2024/what-is-social-mobility-critically-examine-the-classification-of-closed-and-open-models-of-social-stratification/>

Q3(a) · 20 marks

How do you view and assess the increasing trend of digital ethnography and the use of visual culture in sociological research?

Topic · Sociology

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2024/how-do-you-view-and-assess-the-increasing-trend-of-digital-ethnography-and-the-use-of-visual-culture-in-sociological-research/>

Q3(b) · 20 marks

Describe the main idea of Max Weber's book, *The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism* as a critique of Marxism

Topic · Sociological Thinkers: Karl Marx

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2024/describe-the-main-idea-of-max-webers-book-the-protestant-ethic-and-the-spirit-of-capitalism-as-a-critique-of-marxism/>

Q3(c) · 10 marks

Critically explain the salient features of 'alienation' as propounded by Karl Marx

Topic · Sociological Thinkers: Karl Marx

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2024/critically-explain-the-salient-features-of-alienation-as-propounded-by-karl-marx/>

Q4(a) · 20 marks

What do you understand by 'mixed method'? Discuss its strengths and limitations in social research

Topic · Sociology as Science

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Q4(b) · 20 marks

Define the concept of 'gig' economy and discuss its impact on the labour market and workers' social security net

Topic · Sociological Thinkers: Karl Marx

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2024/define-the-concept-of-gig-economy-and-discuss-its-impact-on-the-labour-market-and-workers-social-security-net/>

Q4(c) · 10 marks

Critically assess the impact of technological advancement and automation on the nature of work and employment

Topic · Sociology

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2024/critically-assess-the-impact-of-technological-advancement-and-automation-on-the-nature-of-work-and-employment/>

Q5(a) · 10 marks

Describe various characteristics of a 'social fact'. How is the rate of suicide a social fact according to Durkheim?

Topic · Sociological Thinkers: Karl Marx

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2024/describe-various-characteristics-of-a-social-fact-how-is-the-rate-of-suicide-a-social-fact-according-to-durkheim/>

Q5(b) · 10 marks

Explain G.H. Mead's idea of development of 'self' through the 'generalised other'.

Topic · Sociology

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2024/explain-g-h-meads-idea-of-development-of-self-through-the-generalised-other/>

Q5(c) · 10 marks

Describe the differing principles of work organization in feudal and capitalist societies.

Topic · Works and Economic Life

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2024/describe-the-differing-principles-of-work-organization-in-feudal-and-capitalist-societies/>

Q5(d) · 10 marks

How is 'power' different from 'authority'? Discuss various types of authorities as theorized by Max Weber.

Topic · Sociological Thinkers: Karl Marx

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Q5(e) · 10 marks

Critically examine the roles of science and technology in social change. What is your opinion on their increasing trend in 'online' education and teaching?

Topic · Social Change in Modern Society

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Q6(a) · 20 marks

Underline the role of social media in contemporary social movements and describe its challenges

Topic · Politics and Society

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2024/underline-the-role-of-social-media-in-contemporary-social-movements-and-describe-its-challenges/>

Q6(b) · 20 marks

How does a multicultural society accommodate diversities of all kinds-ethnic, linguistic, and religious? Discuss its major challenges

Topic · Religion and Society

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Q6(c) · 10 marks

Discuss the concept of animism and differentiate it from naturism

Topic · Sociology

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Q7(a) • 20 marks

Do modernization and secularization necessarily go together? Give your views

Topic · Sociology

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Q7(b) • 20 marks

How do you understand the phenomena of the mushrooming of sects and cults in contemporary society? Discuss the factors responsible for the trend

Topic · Religion and Society

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Q7(c) • 10 marks

Discuss the dimensions of power in the construction and maintenance of social hierarchies in a society

Topic · Politics and Society

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Q8(a) • 20 marks

Modern families have not just become nuclear and neo-local, but also filiocentric. How do you explain this trend?

Topic · Sociology

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Q8(b) • 20 marks

Discuss various theories of social change. Explain the limitations of unilinear theory of social change

Topic · Social Change in Modern Society

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Q8(c) • 10 marks

Critically examine the World-Systems theory of Immanuel Wallerstein in terms of development and dependency of various nations

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

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Q8(a) · 20 marks Solution

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