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UPSC Mains 2017 Sociology Paper 2

Questions only

<https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains/sociology/gs-2/2017/>

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

Write a critique of the structural and functional perspective used by M.N. Srinivas in the understanding of Indian society

Topic · Perspectives on the study of Indian society

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-2/2017/write-a-critique-of-the-structural-and-functional-perspective-used-by-m-n-srinivas-in-the-understanding-of-indian-society/>

Q1(b) · 10 marks

Which is more significant, the principle of 'hierarchy' or the principal of difference; in inter caste relations in the present day ?

Topic · Perspectives on the study of Indian society

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-2/2017/which-is-more-signi-cant-the-principle-of-hierarchy-or-the-principal-of-difference-in-inter-caste-relations-in-the-present-day/>

Q1(c) · 10 marks

What are the distinct features of islam as practised in India, and how have they changed over time ?

Topic · Perspectives on the study of Indian society

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-2/2017/what-are-the-distinct-features-of-islam-as-practised-in-india-and-how-have-they-changed-over-time/>

Q1(d) · 10 marks

How have the struggles against untouchability changed their forms and perspective from Gandhian to Ambedkarite positions?

Topic · Caste System

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-2/2017/how-have-the-struggles-against-untouchability-changed-their-forms-and-perspective-from-gandhian-to-ambedkarite-positions/>

Q1(e) • 10 marks

Write a short note a changing means of production and increased rural poverty

Topic · Rural and Agrarian transformation in India

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-2/2017/write-a-short-note-a-changing-means-of-production-and-increased-rural-poverty/>

Q2(a) • 20 marks

The main objective of socio- religious movement during the colonial rule in India were reforming and synthesizing Hinduism. Write any two such important movements

Topic · Social Movements in Modern India

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-2/2017/the-main-objective-of-socio-religious-movement-during-the-colonial-rule-in-india-were-reforming-and-synthesizing-hinduism-write-any-two-such-important-movements/>

Q2(b) • 20 marks

Discuss Yogendra singh's thesis on Modernization of Indian Tradition. And evaluate its applicability in the present day context

Topic · Impact of colonial rule on Indian society

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-2/2017/discuss-yogendra-singhs-thesis-on-modernization-of-indian-tradition-and-evaluate-its-applicability-in-the-present-day-context/>

Q2(c) • 10 marks

What are the changes in the cultural and structural aspects of the caste system since independence?

Topic · Caste System

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-2/2017/what-are-the-changes-in-the-cultural-and-structural-aspects-of-the-caste-system-since-independence/>

Q3(a) • 20 marks

Indebtedness is one of the serious issues leading to farmers suicides Discuss reasons and suggest solutions

Topic · Perspectives on the study of Indian society

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-2/2017/indebtedness-is-one-of-the-serious-issues-leading-to-farmers-suicides-discuss-reasons-and-suggest-solutions/>

Q3(b) • 20 marks

Clarify the distinction between "household" and "family" and evaluate Whether joint families have completely disintegrated

Topic · Systems of Kinship in India

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-2/2017/clarify-the-distinction-between-household-and-family-and-evaluate-whether-joint-families-have-completely-disintegrated/>

Q3(c) · 10 marks

Compare the north Indian kinship System with the South Indian kinship system

Topic · Rural and Agrarian Social Structure

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-2/2017/compare-the-north-indian-kinship-system-with-the-south-indian-kinship-system/>

Q4(a) · 20 marks

Explain the concepts of dominant caste' and ' vote ' bank giving examples from specific regions

Topic · Perspectives on the study of Indian society

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-2/2017/explain-the-concepts-of-dominant-caste-and-vote-bank-giving-examples-from-speci-c-regions/>

Q4(b) · 20 marks

What is the nature of religious change among tribal communities ? Illustrate with two examples from colonial and post independence times

Topic · Tribal communities in India

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-2/2017/what-is-the-nature-of-religious-change-among-tribal-communities-illustrate-with-two-examples-from-colonial-and-post-independence-times/>

Q4(c) · 10 marks

Compare the pressing problems of a dalit poor family living in an urban slum with a similar type of family living in a rural setting

Topic · Rural and Agrarian transformation in India

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-2/2017/compare-the-pressing-problems-of-a-dalit-poor-family-living-in-an-urban-slum-with-a-similar-type-of-family-living-in-a-rural-setting/>

Q5(a) · 10 marks

What are the reason for the escalation of violence against women in the public domain ?

Topic · Challenges of Social Transformation

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-2/2017/what-are-the-reason-for-the-escalation-of-violence-against-women-in-the-public-domain/>

Q5(b) · 10 marks

Write a note on Education and equality in India.

Topic · Visions of Social Change in India

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-2/2017/write-a-note-on-education-and-equality-in-india/>

Q5(c) · 10 marks

Give an account of the problems relating to the "creamy layer".

Topic · Perspectives on the study of Indian society

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-2/2017/give-an-account-of-the-problems-relating-to-the-creamy-layer/>

Q5(d) · 10 marks

Do you agree that the issue of child labour raises questions about and beyond the informal sector ? Give reasons.

Topic · Industrialization and Urbanisation in India

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-2/2017/do-you-agree-that-the-issue-of-child-labour-raises-questions-about-and-beyond-the-informal-sector-give-reasons/>

Q5(e) · 10 marks

What are the Emerging concerns on women's reproductive health ?

Topic · Population Dynamics

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-2/2017/what-are-the-emerging-concerns-on-womens-reproductive-health/>

Q6(a) · 20 marks

Discuss some of the striking issues of development induced imbalances that need urgent attention

Topic · Perspectives on the study of Indian society

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-2/2017/discuss-some-of-the-striking-issues-of-development-induced-imbalances-that-need-urgent-attention/>

Q6(b) · 20 marks

Examine the impact of heritage tourism on urban socio-spatial patterns in India

Topic · Industrialization and Urbanisation in India

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-2/2017/examine-the-impact-of-heritage-tourism-on-urban-socio-spatial-patterns-in-india/>

Q6(c) · 10 marks

What are the causes and solutions for the low female sex-ratio in the DEMARU States of Punjab, Haryana, Himachal, and Gujarat ?

Topic · Perspectives on the study of Indian society

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-2/2017/what-are-the-causes-and-solutions-for-the-low-female-sex-ratio-in-the-demaru-states-of-punjab-haryana-himachal-and-gujarat/>

Q7(a) · 20 marks

Despite gains from the women's gender movement and states policy of women empowerment, gender equality is far from achieved. Identify two major challenges the prevent this goal from being reached

Topic · Social Movements in Modern India

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Q7(b) · 20 marks

To what extent does nation building depends on strengthening of pluralities in Indian society?

Topic · Perspectives on the study of Indian society

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-2/2017/to-what-extent-does-nation-building-depends-on-strengthening-of-pluralities-in-indian-society/>

Q7(c) · 10 marks

Explain the issue relating to ethnicity and sub-ethnicity

Topic · Perspectives on the study of Indian society

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-2/2017/explain-the-issue-relating-to-ethnicity-and-sub-ethnicity/>

Q8(a) · 20 marks

What is cultural Revivalism ? Give some examples from performing arts , language dissemination and arts crafts in recent times

Topic · Perspectives on the study of Indian society

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-2/2017/what-is-cultural-revivalism-give-some-examples-from-performing-arts-language-dissemination-and-arts-crafts-in-recent-times/>

Q8(b) · 20 marks

What, according to you are the two fundamental axes of social discrimination in Indian society ? Are they changing ?

Topic · Impact of colonial rule on Indian society

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-2/2017/what-according-to-you-are-the-two-fundamental-axes-of-social-discrimination-in-indian-society-are-they-changing/>

Q8(c) · 10 marks

Why have we started using another category of tribes called the Particularly Vulnerable Groups (PVTGs) Why are they so called ?

Topic · Perspectives on the study of Indian society

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-2/2017/why-have-we-started-using-another-category-of-tribes-called-the-particularly-vulnerable-groups-pvtgs-why-are-they-so-called-10-marks-div/>

Compiled answer key

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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

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Q4(c) · 10 marks Solution

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Q5(c) · 10 marks Solution

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Q5(e) · 10 marks Solution

Q6(a) · 20 marks Solution

Q6(b) · 20 marks Solution

Q6(c) · 10 marks Solution

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