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UPSC Mains 2021 Sociology Paper 2

Questions only

<https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains/sociology/gs-2/2021/>

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

Caste system studies in India have been dominated by the "book-view" initially, How did the entry of "field-view" bring about a balance in the study of Indian caste system? Discuss

Topic · Rural and Agrarian Social Structure

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-2/2021/caste-system-studies-in-india-have-been-dominated-by-the-book-view-initially-how-did-the-entry-of-field-view-bring-about-a-balance-in-the-study-of-indian-caste-system-discuss/>

Q1(b) · 10 marks

What does Dr. B. R. Ambedkar mean by the concept of "Annihilation of caste" ?

Topic · Perspectives on the study of Indian society

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-2/2021/what-does-dr-b-r-ambedkar-mean-by-the-concept-of-annihilation-of-caste/>

Q1(c) · 10 marks

Discuss different forms of kinship system in India

Topic · Caste System

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-2/2021/discuss-different-forms-of-kinship-system-in-india/>

Q1(d) · 10 marks

Critically examine briefly the phrase "Little 'Republics'" as used to denote India's villages

Topic · Perspectives on the study of Indian society

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-2/2021/critically-examine-briefly-the-phrase-little-republics-as-used-to-denote-indias-villages/>

Q1(e) · 10 marks

Caste-like formations are present in Non-Hindu religious communities as well.
Discuss with examples

Topic · Religion and Society

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-2/2021/caste-like-formations-are-present-in-non-hindu-religious-communities-as-well-discuss-with-examples/>

Q2(a) · 20 marks

What is identity politics? Discuss the main trends in Dalit movements in India

Topic · Social Movements in Modern India

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-2/2021/what-is-identity-politics-discuss-the-main-trends-in-dalit-movements-in-india/>

Q2(b) · 20 marks

Is Indian society moving from "Hierarchy" towards "differentiation" ? Illustrate your answer with suitable examples

Topic · Perspectives on the study of Indian society

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-2/2021/is-indian-society-moving-from-hierarchy-towards-differentiation-illustrate-your-answer-with-suitable-examples/>

Q2(c) · 10 marks

Discuss the salient features of 'new middle class' in India

Topic · Social Classes in India

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-2/2021/discuss-the-salient-features-of-new-middle-class-in-india/>

Q3(a) · 20 marks

Discuss in detail the major contribution of Prof. Yogendra Singh in theorizing India's modernization

Topic · Perspectives on the study of Indian society

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-2/2021/discuss-in-detail-the-major-contribution-of-prof-yogendra-singh-in-theorizing-indias-modernization/>

Q3(b) · 20 marks

Examine the factors responsible for the rural unrest in contemporary India

Topic · Rural and Agrarian transformation in India

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-2/2021/examine-the-factors-responsible-for-the-rural-unrest-in-contemporary-india/>

Q3(c) · 10 marks

Discuss the changing dimensions of family structure in urban India

Topic · Systems of Kinship in India

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-2/2021/discuss-the-changing-dimensions-of-family-structure-in-urban-india/>

Q4(a) · 20 marks

What are the sociological reasons and implication of "reverse migration" during the recent pandemic in India ?

Topic · Rural and Agrarian transformation in India

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-2/2021/what-are-the-sociological-reasons-and-implication-of-reverse-migration-during-the-recent-pandemic-in-india/>

Q4(b) · 20 marks

Discuss the main features of the debate between G. S. Ghurye and V. Elwin on tribal development

Topic · Caste System

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-2/2021/discuss-the-main-features-of-the-debate-between-g-s-ghurye-and-v-elwin-on-tribal-development/>

Q4(c) · 10 marks

What are the various forms of untouchability in India ? Critically examine

Topic · Caste System

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-2/2021/what-are-the-various-forms-of-untouchability-in-india-critically-examine/>

Q5(a) · 10 marks

Analyze the idea of developmental planning in India

Topic · Visions of Social Change in India

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-2/2021/analyze-the-idea-of-developmental-planning-in-india/>

Q5(b) · 10 marks

Comment on the role of co-operatives in rural development

Topic · Rural and Agrarian transformation in India

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-2/2021/comment-on-the-role-of-co-operatives-in-rural-development/>

Q5(c) · 10 marks

Urban slums are sites of social exclusion - explain

Topic · Industrialization and Urbanisation in India

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-2/2021/urban-slums-are-sites-of-social-exclusion-explain/>

Q5(d) · 10 marks

Does regionalism essentially lead to decentralization of power? Substantiate your answer with relevant examples

Topic · Politics and Society

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-2/2021/does-regionalism-essentially-lead-to-decentralization-of-power-substantiate-your-answer-with-relevant-examples/>

Q5(e) · 10 marks

Discuss the role of technology in agrarian change in India

Topic · Rural and Agrarian transformation in India

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-2/2021/discuss-the-role-of-technology-in-agrarian-change-in-india/>

Q6(a) · 20 marks

Explain the sociological significance of the New Education Policy and its thrust on vocationalization and skill development

Topic · Visions of Social Change in India

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-2/2021/explain-the-sociological-significance-of-the-new-education-policy-and-its-thrust-on-vocationalization-and-skill-development/>

Q6(b) · 20 marks

Is 'ageing an emerging issue in Indian society ? Discuss the major problems of the old age people in India

Topic · Religion and Society

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-2/2021/is-ageing-an-emerging-issue-in-indian-society-discuss-the-major-problems-of-the-old-age-people-in-india/>

Q6(c) · 10 marks

Underline the socio-cultural factors responsible for India's skewed sex-ratio

Topic · Perspectives on the study of Indian society

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-2/2021/underline-the-socio-cultural-factors-responsible-for-indias-skewed-sex-ratio/>

Q7(a) · 20 marks

The problem of displacement is inherent in the idea of development. Analyze the statement critically

Topic · Visions of Social Change in India

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-2/2021/the-problem-of-displacement-is-inherent-in-the-idea-of-development-analyze-the-statement-critically/>

Q7(b) · 20 marks

Rising 'ethnocentrism' is leading to conflict in our society. Assess this statement with appropriate reasons

Topic · Perspectives on the study of Indian society

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-2/2021/rising-ethnocentrism-is-leading-to-conflict-in-our-society-assess-this-statement-with-appropriate-reasons/>

Q7(c) · 10 marks

Is social democracy a precondition for political democracy ? Comment

Topic · Politics and Society

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-2/2021/is-social-democracy-a-precondition-for-political-democracy-comment/>

Q8(a) · 20 marks

Discuss the role of social media in communal polarisation. Suggest ways to combat it

Topic · Perspectives on the study of Indian society

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-2/2021/discuss-the-role-of-social-media-in-communal-polarisation-suggest-ways-to-combat-it/>

Q8(b) · 20 marks

Urban settlements in India tend to replicate its rural caste-kinship imprints. Discuss the main reasons

Topic · Industrialization and Urbanisation in India

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-2/2021/urban-settlements-in-india-tend-to-replicate-its-rural-caste-kinship-imprints-discuss-the-main-reasons/>

Q8(c) · 10 marks

Does "economic empowerment" automatically bring about "substantive empowerment" for women ? Briefly describe the main issues in women empowerment in India

Topic · Tribal communities in India

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-2/2021/does-economic-empowerment-automatically-bring-about-substantive-empowerment-for-women-briefly-describe-the-main-issues-in-women-empowerment-in-india-10-div/>

Compiled answer key

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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

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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

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