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UPSC Mains 2023 Sociology Paper 2

Questions only

<https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains/sociology/gs-2/2023/>

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

Highlight the significant features of A.R. Desai's 'Dialectical Perspective' to study Indian Society

Topic · Perspectives on the study of Indian society

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-2/2023/highlight-the-significant-features-of-a-r-desais-dialectical-perspective-to-study-indian-society/>

Q1(b) · 10 marks

"The decade of 1950s was the golden period of village studies in Indian Sociology." Explain the statement

Topic · Rural and Agrarian Social Structure

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-2/2023/the-decade-of-1950s-was-the-golden-period-of-village-studies-in-indian-sociology-explain-the-statement/>

Q1(c) · 10 marks

Analyse the differences between the attributional and interactional approach in studying the caste system

Topic · Caste System

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-2/2023/analyse-the-differences-between-the-attributional-and-interactional-approach-in-studying-the-caste-system/>

Q1(d) · 10 marks

Are Tradition and Modernity antithetical to each other? Comment

Topic · Perspectives on the study of Indian society

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-2/2023/are-tradition-and-modernity-antithetical-to-each-other-comment/>

Q1(e) · 10 marks

Discuss the main features of Land Reforms in post-independence India

Topic · Rural and Agrarian Social Structure

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-2/2023/discuss-the-main-features-of-land-reforms-in-post-independence-india/>

Q2(a) · 20 marks

Do you agree with the view of Andre Beteille that India's villages are representative of Indian society's basic civilizational values ? Present a sociological overview

Topic · Caste System

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-2/2023/do-you-agree-with-the-view-of-and-re-beteille-that-indias-villages-are-representative-of-indian-societys-basic-civilizational-values-present-a-sociological-overview/>

Q2(b) · 20 marks

Elaborate the salient features and the role of middle class in India's democracy and development

Topic · Social Classes in India

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-2/2023/elaborate-the-salient-features-and-the-role-of-middle-class-in-indias-democracy-and-development/>

Q2(c) · 10 marks

Analyse the role of market and modern forces in understanding the changing trends in marriage systems in India

Topic · Systems of Kinship in India

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-2/2023/analyse-the-role-of-market-and-modern-forces-in-understanding-the-changing-trends-in-marriage-systems-in-india/>

Q3(a) · 20 marks

Contextualize Louis Dumont's concept of 'binary opposition' with reference to caste system in India

Topic · Caste System

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-2/2023/contextualize-louis-dumonts-concept-of-binary-opposition-with-reference-to-caste-system-in-india/>

Q3(b) · 20 marks

Define the concepts of 'Descent' and 'Alliance'. Differentiate between North Indian and South Indian Kinship systems with examples

Topic · Systems of Kinship in India

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-2/2023/define-the-concepts-of-descent-and-alliance-differentiate-between-north-indian-and-south-indian-kinship-systems-with-examples/>

Q3(c) • 10 marks

Critically examine the concept of Sanskritization with suitable illustrations

Topic · Perspectives on the study of Indian society

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-2/2023/critically-examine-the-concept-of-sanskritization-with-suitable-illustrations/>

Q4(a) • 20 marks

Analyse the perspectives of Isolation, Assimilation and Integration in understanding the trajectories of Indian Tribal Development

Topic · Perspectives on the study of Indian society

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-2/2023/analyse-the-perspectives-of-isolation-assimilation-and-integration-in-understanding-the-trajectories-of-indian-tribal-development/>

Q4(b) • 20 marks

Explain the implications and the impact of globalization in situating the changing agrarian class structure in India

Topic · Social Classes in India

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-2/2023/explain-the-implications-and-the-impact-of-globalization-in-situating-the-changing-agrarian-class-structure-in-india/>

Q4(c) • 10 marks

Critique the victory narratives of Green Revolution in the context of Indian society

Topic · Rural and Agrarian transformation in India

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-2/2023/critique-the-victory-narratives-of-green-revolution-in-the-context-of-indian-society/>

Q5(a) • 10 marks

Citing some case studies, expand the concept of Development-induced Displacement?

Topic · Challenges of Social Transformation

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-2/2023/citing-some-case-studies-expand-the-concept-of-development-induced-displacement/>

Q5(b) • 10 marks

Examine the concept of 'Cultural Pluralism' in the context of India's Unity in Diversity

Topic · Perspectives on the study of Indian society

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-2/2023/examine-the-concept-of-cultural-pluralism-in-the-context-of-indias-unity-in-diversity/>

Q5(c) • 10 marks

Highlight the salient features of the New Education Policy (NEP) 2020

Topic · Perspectives on the study of Indian society

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-2/2023/highlight-the-salient-features-of-the-new-education-policy-nep-2020/>

Q5(d) · 10 marks

Analyse the sociological interconnections between Social Media and Mass Mobilization in India

Topic · Industrialization and Urbanisation in India

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Q5(e) · 10 marks

Discuss the nature of regional variations in sex ratio in India, stating reasons thereof

Topic · Perspectives on the study of Indian society

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Q6(a) · 20 marks

How do you account for the increasing significance of religion in public and personal spheres in the context of secularization thesis in India?

Topic · Religion and Society

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Q6(b) · 20 marks

In the face of rising global climatic concerns, how do you contextualize the relevance of Chipko Movement and its Gandhian tone? Answer analytically

Topic · Perspectives on the study of Indian society

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Q6(c) · 20 marks

What actionable measures would you suggest to curb the recurrent child labour menace in India?

Topic · Industrialization and Urbanisation in India

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-2/2023/what-actionable-measures-would-you-suggest-to-curb-the-recurrent-child-labour-menace-in-india/>

Q7(a) · 20 marks

Do you think that the decades of Dalit political mobilizations and movements have helped in strengthening India's democracy? Substantiate your arguments with facts

Topic · Politics and Society

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-2/2023/do-you-think-that-the-decades-of-dalit-political-mobilizations-and-movements-have-helped-in-strengthening-indias-democracy-substantiate-your-arguments-with-facts/>

Q7(b) · 20 marks

What is 'reverse migration' ? Discuss its features, causes and consequences in India

Topic · Rural and Agrarian transformation in India

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-2/2023/what-is-reverse-migration-discuss-its-features-causes-and-consequences-in-india/>

Q7(c) · 10 marks

Discuss the phenomenon of rural-urban continuum with suitable examples

Topic · Perspectives on the study of Indian society

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Q8(a) · 20 marks

Explain the thematic linkages between 'Patriarchy' and 'Honour killing' in India, citing some recent cases

Topic · Systems of Kinship in India

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Q8(b) · 20 marks

Discuss the challenges faced by the cooperative movements in India. Suggest measures to strengthen the movement at the grass-roots level

Topic · Social Movements in Modern India

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Q8(c) · 10 marks

What is 'Ageing'? Discuss the major problems of aged people in India

Topic · Tribal communities in India

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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) 20 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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Q3(c) · 10 marks Solution

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Q6(b) · 20 marks Solution

Q6(c) · 20 marks Solution

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Q8(c) · 10 marks Solution

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