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Questions only**UPSC Mains 2026 Sociology Paper 2**

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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

In what respect is M. N. Srinivas' study of Indian village society based on structural and functional perspective? Analyse.

Topic · Perspectives on the study of Indian society

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Q1(b) · 10 marks

According to you, which social reform had long-lasting impact on a specific section of society? Support your answer with suitable example.

Topic · Impact of colonial rule on Indian society

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Q1(c) · 10 marks

In the context of women's movements and laws do you think that matriarchy is the need of the hour? Discuss in detail.

Topic · Social Movements in Modern India

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Q1(d) · 10 marks

Discuss the debates on the concepts 'duty' and 'worship' while understanding religion in India.

Topic · Religion and Society

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Q1(e) · 10 marks

How does the concept 'secular' go beyond any religion in plural society like India? Analyse.

Topic · Religion and Society

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Q2(a) · 20 marks

Indological approach, advocated by G. S. Ghurye, focuses on the study of Indian society through Indian texts. How can Indological approach be useful in the study of other society? Comment in detail

Topic · Perspectives on the study of Indian society

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Q2(b) · 20 marks

Examine how Indian Nationalism was a result of 'Akhand Bharat'/Indian Subcontinent's socio-cultural and political consciousness

Topic · Impact of colonial rule on Indian society

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Q2(c) · 10 marks

How does A. R. Desai argue that Indian social classes must be studied through the colonial mode of production? Elucidate

Topic · Impact of colonial rule on Indian society

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Q3(a) · 20 marks

Examine the challenges of applying micro-level village studies to macro-level village structure of Indian society

Topic · Rural and Agrarian Social Structure

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Q3(b) · 20 marks

Explain the emergence of middle class in agrarian society in India. What have been the socio-structural implications of the emergence of this middle class?

Topic · Social Classes in India

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Q3(c) · 10 marks

When land reform was a paradigm shift, then what type of land reforms would you recommend to make India a more equitable society?

Topic · Impact of colonial rule on Indian society

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Q4(a) · 20 marks

How does the Constitution of India promote education? Do you think that education can be a major instrument of social change? Clarify

Topic · Visions of Social Change in India

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Q4(b) · 20 marks

Draw the current population pyramid of India. What policy measures would you recommend for population dynamics to achieve sustainability?

Topic · Population Dynamics

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Q4(c) · 10 marks

Compare G. S. Ghurye's and A. R. Desai's approaches used in understanding Indian society

Topic · Perspectives on the study of Indian society

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Q5(a) · 10 marks

Discuss the challenges faced by the aged people in receiving 'elder care'.

Topic · Perspectives on the study of Indian society

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Q5(b) · 10 marks

Examine the transiting social movements from physical movements to virtual movements in 21st century India.

Topic · Social Movements in Modern India

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Q5(c) · 10 marks

Clarify how the family planning programmes have taken a political 'U'-turn in present India.

Topic · Population Dynamics

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Q5(d) · 10 marks

How do Louis Dumont and André Beteille differ in their approaches in understanding caste system in India? Explain.

Topic · Caste System

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Q5(e) · 10 marks

Bring out the debates of 'insiders' and 'outsiders' approaches in understanding Indian society.

Topic · Perspectives on the study of Indian society

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Q6(a) · 20 marks

Differentiate between protests and movements. Discuss some of those movements which changed the fabric of Indian agrarian society during the colonial period

Topic · Impact of colonial rule on Indian society

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Q6(b) · 20 marks

Synchronise the developmental programmes and social change in India, and describe them through visible and lived experiences

Topic · Rural and Agrarian transformation in India

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Q6(c) · 10 marks

Why was the category of 'criminal tribe' created by law during the colonial period in India? Discuss its implications

Topic · Impact of colonial rule on Indian society

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Q7(a) · 20 marks

Urbanisation in Independent India has been characterized by over-urbanization and rural push. Explain with demographic and sociological dimensions

Topic · Systems of Kinship in India

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Q7(b) · 20 marks

Give a sociological explanation of violence against women in India. What suggestions would you give to mitigate these violences?

Topic · Challenges of Social Transformation

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Q7(c) · 10 marks

Examine the process of formalisation of informal sector to safeguard the interests of marginalised sections of the society

Topic · Industrialization and Urbanisation in India

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Q8(a) · 20 marks

How has colonial rule transformed Indian society? If it (Indian society) had not undergone colonial rule, then what type of Indian society would have been there? Elaborate

Topic · Impact of colonial rule on Indian society

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Q8(b) · 20 marks

How have the women's movements made the presence of women in every moment felt and more women participation in various fields? Discuss

Topic · Social Movements in Modern India

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Q8(c) · 10 marks

Where would you locate the tribal community in the Varna system of India? Discuss

Topic · Tribal communities in India

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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

Q8(b) · 20 marks Solution

Q8(c) · 10 marks Solution

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