

Civil Services (Main) Examination, 2003

Sociology

Paper I

Time Allowed: Three Hours

Maximum Marks: 300

Instructions

Candidates should attempt Questions 1 and 5 which are compulsory, and any three of the remaining questions selecting at least one question from each Section.

All questions carry equal marks.

Section A

1. Write short notes on any THREE of the following (each note should not exceed 200 words) (3 × 20 = 60)

- a. Primary and Reference Groups
- b. Utility of Reliability and Validity in Social Research
- c. Social System and the Pattern Variables
- d. Education and Social Development

2. Highlight the problem of objectivity and value-neutrality in Social Research. Elaborate, with suitable examples, the limitations associated with the tools of measurements in Social Science Researches (60).

3. Discuss the meanings and significance of culture in Human Society. Critically bring out the role of Culture in the development of personality (60).

4. Critically examine Max Weber's theory of the Protestant ethics and the spirit of the Capitalism, Could it be the otherwise possibility that the tenets of the capitalism must also have effected the emergence of the Protestant ethics? Comment with suitable examples. (60)

Section B

1. Write short notes on any THREE of the following (each note should not exceed 200 words) (3 × 20 = 60)

a. Social impact of New Technologies in India

b. Class-in-itself and Class-for-itself

c. Social determinants of Economic Development

d. Social Structure and Political Participation

2. Examine the conceptual distinction between social inequality and social stratification.

How do the nature and forms of the social stratification system determine the patterns of social mobility (60)?

3. Elaborate on the concepts of Family and Lineage. Discuss the relationship between Rules of descent and inheritance of property (60).

4. Critically analyse the concept of Anomie. Elaborate with suitable examples, the theoretical relationship between nature of Anomie and types of Social Deviations as have been formulated by R. K. Merton (60).