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2005 - MAINS - SOCIOLOGY - PAPER - II

INSTRUCTIONS

For each paper: Time Allowed : Three Hours Maximum Marks : 250

There are EIGHT questions divided in two Sections and printed both in HINDI and in ENGLISH.

Candidate has to attempt FIVE questions in all.

Question Nos. 1 and 5 are compulsory and out of the remaining, THREE are to be attempted choosing at least ONE question from each Section.

The number of marks carried by a question/part is indicated against it.

Answers must be written in the medium authorized in the Admission Certificate which must be stated clearly on the cover of this Question-cum-Answer (QCA) Booklet in the space provided. No marks will be given for answers written in medium other than the authorized one.

Word limit in questions, wherever specified, should be adhered to.

Attempts of questions shall be counted in chronological order. Unless struck off, attempt of a question shall be counted even if attempted partly. Any page or portion of the page left blank in the Question-cum-Answer Booklet must be clearly struck off.



1. Write critical notes on any THREE of the following in not more than 200 words each: - 20x3=60
 - a) Racial Theories of Origin of caste
 - b) Characteristics of peasant societies
 - c) Generation gap
 - d) Inequality in EducatioContinuity and change in Indian society
2. Discuss the paradoxical nature of change in contemporary Indian society. Describe the factors responsible for it. 60
3. Describe the process of emergence of the middle class in India. What role has the middle class played in national development? 60
4. Discuss the social base of political parties in India. What has been its impact on Indian democracy?



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SECTION-B

5. Write critical notes on any THREE of the following in not more than 200 words each: -
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- Pluralism and national unity
- Religious fundamentalism
- Self-respect Movement
- Obstacles to change in Indian society

- Describe the distinctive features of tribal communities in India. Discuss the factors affecting tribal identity. 60
- Describe various aspects of urban environment in India and assess the impact of urban development programmes on it. 60
- Describe the process of social mobility among lower castes and discuss the role of the Backward Classes Movement in strengthening this process. 60

