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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.

SECTION-A



1. Write short answer of the following in about 150 words each: 10×5=50
 - a) Problem of objectivity in sociological research
 - b) Subject - matter of Sociology, according to Emile Durkheim
 - c) Comparison between Sociology and Economics
 - d) Talcott Parson's idea of 'moving equilibrium'
2. (a) Distinguish between probability and non - probability sampling methods. How many types of sampling designs are there?
(b) Comment on the responses of the functionalist - school to Karl Marx's views on social change.
3. (a) Comment on the reasons why neo - idealists and symbolic interactionists are critical of 'positivism' in sociology
(b) What are the reasons for calling Kingsley Davis and Wilbert Moore's theory of social stratification a functional theory?



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4. To Robert Merton, deviant behaviour is a result of anomie. Analyse his sociological theory of deviant behaviour, with a special reference to his formulation of types of deviance.
5. Write short notes on any three of the following Each not should not exceed 200 words :
- C.W. Mill's Power Elite
 - Industrialization and changes in the family's functions.
 - Secularization of societies in the modern world
 - Structure of a social movement.
6. Answer the following: (20+20+10 marks)
- Comment on the critics charge that Immanuel Wallerstein's dependency theory is simplistic and wrong
 - What according to Max Weber, is the role of "particular religious ideas " in the emergence of modern capitalism?
7. " Science without religion is lame. Religion without science is blind" Comment on this statement critically in the light of emerging sociological context in Europe, USA and India.
8. Discuss the emerging forms of marriage and family with examples from the West and the East. Can there be family without marriage? Examine.