

IAS Mains Sociology 2000

Paper I

Time Allowed: Three Hours Maximum Marks: 300

Instructions

The answers must be written in the medium specified in the Admission Certificate issued to you, which must be stated clearly on the cover of the answer-book in the space provided for the purpose. No mark will be given for the answers written in a medium other than that specified in the Admission Certificate.

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):
 - a. Sociology and social anthropology
 - b. Problem of objectivity in social research
 - c. Alienation
 - d. Role conflict
2. Emile Durkheim had argued that the function of division of labour in society is that of the promotion of social solidarity. Elaborate the statement and analyse the distinction between two forms of solidarity discussed by him.
3. How does social structure produce a strain toward anomie and deviant behaviour? Examine it with reference to Robert K. Merton's contribution to this field of study.
4. Discuss the factors responsible for changing structure of family in modern societies.

Section B

5. Write short notes on any three of the following (each note should not exceed 200 words):
 - a. Inter-generational mobility
 - b. Social determinants of economic development
 - c. Relative Deprivation
 - d. Role of pressure groups in democracy
6. Pitirim A Sorokin sees the course of history as a continuous but irregular fluctuation between two basically different kinds of culture. While explaining this stand of Sorokin, analyse whether it is appropriate to characterise such a notion of change as a cyclical theory of social change.
7. Is ideology an essential component of a social movement? Illustrate your answer with suitable examples from some contemporary social movements.
8. Critically examine functional and dysfunctional aspects of religion.