

IAS Mains Sociology 2000

Paper-II

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 notes on any three of the following in not more than 200 words each:
 - a. Impact of Buddhism on Indian society
 - b. Caste among Indian Christians
 - c. Consequences of globalisation for India
 - d. Educational inequalities in India
2. Which means of social mobility were available in the traditional caste system? Describe the form of social mobility in contemporary Indian society.
3. Critically examine the protective discrimination policy for the disadvantaged groups in India. Would you suggest any change in this policy?
4. What have been the functions of democracy in India? Has democracy been successful in eliminating some of the traditional social inequalities?

Section B

5. Write notes on any three of the following in not more than 200 words each:
 - a. Religious fundamentalism
 - b. Socio-cultural factors related to declining proportion of females in sex-ratio
 - c. Self-respect movement
 - d. Social correlates of prostitution
6. Critically examine various tribal policies. Which tribal policy would you advocate for tribal development in India and why?
7. Do you agree with the view that slums are areas of darkness and despair? Give reasons in support of your answer.
8. Critically evaluate the child welfare programmes in India. Have they benefited all sections of children in India?