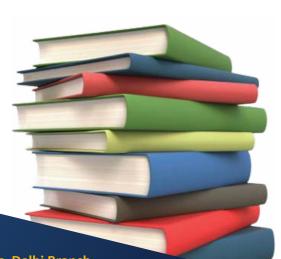


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PAPER-1

Section-A

1. Answer the following questions in about 150 words each:

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- (a) Europe was the first and the only place where modernity emerged. Comment.
- (b) Do you think ethnomethodology helps us in getting reliable and valid data? Justify your answer.
- (c) Discuss the challenges involved in collecting data through census method.
- (d) Explain whether Durkheim's theory of Division of Labour is relevant in the present-day context.
- (e) Critically examine Max Weber's theory of Social Stratification.
- 2. (a) From the viewpoint of growing importance of multidisciplinary, how do you relate sociology to other social sciences?
 - (b) How far are sociologists justified in using a positivist approach to understand social reality? Explain with suitable illustrations.
 - (c) How is sociology related to common sense?
- 3. (a) How do qualitative and quantitative methods supplement each other in sociological enquiry?
 - (b) Critically examine the dialectics involved in each mode of production as propounded by Karl Marx.
 - (c) Do you agree with Max Weber's idea that bureaucracy has the potential to become an iron cage? Justify your answer.
- 4. (a) Explain the concept of social mobility. Describe with suitable illustrations how education and social mobility are related to each other.
 - (b) How has the idea of Work from Home' forced us to redefine the formal and informal organisation of work?
 - (c) With suitable examples, explain how conformity and deviance coexist in a society as proposed by R.K. Merton.

- 5. Answer the following questions in about 150 words each: 10x5=50
 - (a) Explain the emerging challenges in establishing gender equality in the informal sector.
 - (b) Critically examine the relevance of Vilfredo Pareto's theory of Circulation of Elites in the present scenario.
 - (c) Critically compare the views of E.B. Tylor and Max Muller on Religion.
 - (d) What is cult? Explain the growth of cults in the contemporary world.
 - (e) Do you think Talcott Parsons gave an adequate theory of social change? Justify your answer.

- 6. (a) Elucidate the main problems and challenges faced by the migrant labourers in the recent 'Lockdown period'.
 - (b) Explain how political parties and pressure groups are dialectically related to each other in terms of achieving their goals.
 - (c) Give your comments on the growth of religious revivalism in the present-day context.
- 7. (a) Explain how the pattern of patriarchy is being altered in a family and at the workplace in the present context.
 - (b) Critically examine the contribution of dependency theories in understanding the present global scenario.
 - (c) Explain the growing salience of ethnicity in the contemporary world with illustrations.
- 8. (a) Discuss the changing nature of kinship relations in the contemporary world.
 - (b) Describe the role of Science and Technology in enabling us to face the challenges triggered by the COVID-19 pandemic.
 - (c) Highlight the roles and functions of civil society in a democratic system.

PAPER-2

SECTION-A

- 1. Write short answers, with a sociological perspective, of the following questions in about 150 words each: $10 \times 5 = 50$
 - (a) Caste system studies in India have been dominated by the "book-view" initially, how did the entry of "field-view" bring about a balance in the study of Indian caste system? Discuss.
 - (b) What does Dr. B. R. Ambedkar mean by the concept of "Annihilation of caste"?
 - (c) Discuss different forms of kinship system in India.
 - (d) Critically examine briefly the phrase "Little 'Republics" as used to denote India's villages.
 - (e) Caste-like formations are present in Non-Hindu religious communities as well. Discuss with examples.
- 2. (a) What is identity politics? Discuss the main trends in Dalit movements in India.
 - (b) Is Indian society moving from "Hierarchy" towards "differentiation"? Illustrate your answer with suitable examples.
 - (c) Discuss the salient features of 'new middle class' in India.
- 3. (a) Discuss in detail the major contribution of Prof. Yogendra Singh in theorizing India's modernization.
 - (b) Examine the factors responsible for the rural unrest in contemporary India.
 - (c) Discuss the changing dimensions of family structure in urban India.

- 4. (a) What are the sociological reasons and implication of "reverse migration" during the recent pandemic in India?
 - (b) Discuss the main features of the debate between G. S. Ghurye and V. Elwin on tribal development.
 - (c) What are the various forms of untouchability in India? Critically examine.

- 5. (a) Write short answers, with sociological perspective, of the following questions in about $10 \times 5 = 50$ 150 words each:
 - (a) Analyze the idea of developmental planning in India.
 - (b) Comment on the role of co-operatives in rural development.
 - (c) Urban slums are sites of social exclusion explain.
 - (d) Does regionalism essentially lead to decentralization of power? Substantiate your answer with relevant examples.
 - (e) Discuss the role of technology in agrarian change in India.
- 6. (a) Explain the sociological significance of the New Education Policy and its thrust on vocationalization and skill development.
 - (b) Is 'ageing an emerging issue in Indian society? Discuss the major problems of the old age people in India.
 - (c) Underline the socio-cultural factors) responsible for India's skewed sex-ratio.
- 7. (a) The problem of displacement is inherent in the idea of development. Analyze the statement critically.
 - (b) Rising 'ethnocentricism' is leading to conflict in our society. Assess this statement withappropriate reasons.
 - (c) Is social democracy a precondition for political democracy? Comment.
- 8. (a) Discuss the role of social media in communal polarization. Suggest ways to combat it.
 - (b) Urban settlements in India tend to replicate its rural caste-kinship imprints. Discuss the main reasons.
 - (c) Does "economic empowerment" automatically bring about "substantive empowerment" for women? Briefly describe the main issues in women empowerment in India.

2020

PAPFR-1

Section-A

- 1. Answer the following questions in about 150 words each:
 - (a) How did the intellectual forces lead to the emergence of sociology? Discuss.
 - (b) Is sociology a value-free science? Discuss.

- (c) Methodology is a system of rules, principles and procedures, which forms. scientific investigation. Comment.
- (d) 'Ideal Types of Max Weber are mental constructs, they do not correspond to the reality. Give your views.
- (e) Analyse the relevance of 'Pattern variables' in the study of social change.
- 2. (a) What are the reactions of R.K. Merton to the functionalism of social anthropologists? Bring out the limitations of latent functions.
 - (b) How are Hierarchy and Exclusion the major impediments in the transformation of societies? Discuss.
 - (c) Explain democracy as an order of society. What are the factors preventing people's participation in politics?
- 3. (a) Capitalism has brought increasing informalisation of work in society. Substantiate your answer.
 - (b) Critically Analyse Durkheim's views on elementary forms of religious life and role of religion Also discuss the consequences of religious revivalism in contemporary society.
 - (c) Discuss the consequences of Across Region marriage on kinship system in modern Indian society.
- 4. (a) Is humanity at the mercy of Nature, Science and Technology? Comment in the light of pandemic situation.
 - (b) According to Durkheim, "The major function of education is the transmission of society's norms and values." Discuss.
 - (c) Critically assess social mobility in closed and open systems.

- 5. Answer the following Questions in about 150 words each:
 - (a) In the context of globalisation, has the scope of sociology been changing India? Comment.
 - (b) Discuss the importance and sources of hypothesis in social research.
 - (c) What are the problems in observing social facts in Durkheim's views?
 - (d) State the reasons for the various religious beliefs and practices in pre-modern societies.
 - (e) Does the institution of marriage continue to be sacred in Indian society? Comments.
- 6. (a) Discuss the new labour codes and their impact on formal and informal labour in India.
 - (b) According to Mills, "Elites rule in institutional terms rather than psychological terms." Comment.
 - (c) Analyse the strengths and weaknesses of social survey methods in social research.
- 7. (a) Technology has accelerated the process of development and dependency. Discuss.
 - (b) Phenomenological perspectives in sociology reject many of the assumptions of positivism. Comment.
 - (c) Critically assess the Marxian theory of 'Alienation'."

- 8. (a) How does Marx view social conflict as an essential element in social change?
 - (b) What is the impact of gender division of labour on the development of society?
 - (c) Examine how social movements come to an end. Illustrate with examples.

PAPER-2

SECTION-A

- 1. Write short answers, with a sociological perspective, of the following questions in about 150 words each:
 - (a) Elaborate A. R. Desai's perspective to the study of Indian society.
 - (b) "Banning practice of 'Sati' is attributed to annihilation of a major social evil in colonial India." Comment.
 - (c) How do you justify Dumont's deliberate stress on ideology that produce intellectualized account of Indian society?
 - (d) Explain the definitional problems concerning the tribal communities in India.
 - (e) "Secularism was an outcome of 20th century humanistic radicalism." Comment on this statement.
- 2. (a) "Indian caste system is unique and has been unhealthy for the growth of sociology of India." How far do you agree with this view?
 - (b) Discuss Whitehead's contention that caste has potential to displace class and colonial contradiction.
 - (c) "Indian rural society is a faction-ridden society." Discuss.
- 3. (a) Examine the colonial policy of segregation of tribes under the Government of India Act, 1935.
 - (b) Discuss the dynamics of 'migrant workers' in India in the context of Corona pandemic.
 - (c) How does Andre Beteille justify 'middle class in India?
- 4. (a) Discuss the conceptual issues about lineage and descent in India. Give suitable illustrations.
 - (b) Analyze household dimensions of family in India.
 - (c) Write a note on cultural pluralism in multi-religious society like India.

SECTION-B

- 5. Write short answers, with a sociological perspective, of the following questions in about 150 words each:
 - (a) Point out the benefits of 'green chemistry' for agrarian transformation in India.
 - (b) Analyze the issues related to the citizenship in contemporary India. Give suitable illustrations.
 - (c) Give an account of the consequences and remedies of chronic malnutrition in India.

- (d) How does the New Education Policy, 2020 aim to eradicate disparities in the system of education in India?
- (e) What do you understand by democratic federalism? How does it promote decentralization of power in India?
- 6. (a) Discuss in detail the main issues of development planning in mixed economy like India
 - (b) Do you think MSP (Minimum Support Price) Scheme for agriculture can help in rural development? Elaborate your response with suitable examples.
 - (c) How can skill development programme induce social change? Illustrate.
- 7. (a) Elaborate the causes, consequences and other concerns of growth of urban settlements in India.
 - (b) Evaluate the nature and scope of anthropogenic influence on Climate in India and also analyze the environmental movements arising out of it.
 - (c) Are the contemporary farmers' movements in India changing their course? Discuss.
- 8. (a) Colonial administrators helped to construct the very traditionalism which marked the Indian society as "backward'. Comment critically.
 - (b) What were the salient features of the India's Population Policy (2000)? How far its goals have been achieved?
 - (c) Point out the main causes of 'child labour' in India. How far the State policies have succeeded in its elimination?

PAPER-1

SECTION-A

1. Answer the following question in about 150 Words each:

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- (a) Discuss the historical antecedents of the emergence of Sociology as a discipline.
- (b) Davis and Moore made it clear that social stratification is a functional necessity and also an unconscious device. Discuss.
- (c) What is the Marxist concept of 'fetishism of commodities'?
- (d) Present a sociological review on the 'new middle class'.
- (e) Explain the probability sampling strategies with examples.
- 2. (a) According to Mead, "We play a key role in our own socialization."
 - (b) Bring out the significance of Ethnography in social research.
 - (c) What is 'reserve army of labour'? Present the position of feminist scholars on this.
- 3. (a) Discuss the importance of interpretative understanding of social phenomena and explain its limitations.
 - (b) Are all world religions patriarchal? Substantiate your answer with examples.
 - (c) What, according to Merton, is the difference between 'unanticipated consequences' and 'latent functions'? Give examples to elaborate.

- 4. (a) Modernization presupposes class society; however, caste, ethnicity and race are still predominant. Explain.
 - (b) Compare and contrast the contributions of Marx and Weber on social stratification in capitalist society.
 - (c) What, according to Irawati Karve, are the Major difference between North Indian and South Indian Kinship system?

5. Answer the following questions in about 150 words each:

- $10 \times 5 = 50$
- (a) Differentiate between 'Life-chances' and 'Life-style' with suitable examples.
- (b) Discuss the issues of access and exclusion in higher education in India.
- (c) What is civil society? Present a note on civil society engagement with science and technology policy in India.
- (d) Critique A.G. Frank's 'development of underdevelopment'.
- (e) How well do you think Tonnies, Durkheim, Weber and Marx predicted the character of Modern society? Critique.
- 6. (a) Why is gender a dimension of social stratification? How does gender intersect other dimensions of inequality based on caste, class, race and ethnicity?
 - (b) What are the theoretical models of societal power? Which one of them is most applicable in advanced industrial societies?
 - (c) What is affirmative action? Substantiate theoretical positions on affirmative actions with example.
- 7. (a) What is 'informal labour'? Discuss the need for and challenges in regulating informal labour in the post-industrial society.
 - (b) Feminist scholars argue that 'New media' is masculine and hence reinforces structural hierarchies rather than reconfiguring them. Comment.
 - (c) Discuss the concept of circulation of elite.
- 8. (a) In the light of judicial intervention on 'Live-in relationships', discuss the future of marriage and family in India.
 - (b) How, according to Merton, are deviant subcultures generated?
 - (c) How is terrorism a new form of asymmetrical warfare? What are some of the challenges in trying to win the war on terrorism?

2019

PAPER-2

SECTION-A

- 1. Write short answers to the following questions in about 150 words each, with a sociological perspective:
 - (a) Elaborate Srinivas's views on religion and society among the Coorgs.
 - (b) Illustrate the contribution of the Tebhaga Movement to the peasants struggle in India.
 - (c) Examine the changing initiatives of the land tenure system in India.

- (d) Write a note on Ghurye's conception of caste in India.
- (e) Comment on the growing assertion of tribal community for autonomy in India.
- 2. (a) Critically examine Dube's contributions to the study of Indian villages.
 - (b) What is caste politics? Substantiate your answer with examples of how identities are defined by caste dynamics.
 - (c) Do you think that the Indian saints have brought about social reform and awareness in Indian society? Explain.
- 3. (a) What is ethno-nationalism? Examine the critical factors responsible for tribal discontent in India.
 - (b) Is industrial development in India a bane or a born to agrarian class structure? Substantiate your answer with suitable examples.
 - (c) Give an account of Ranajit Guha's approach in studying 'subaltern class'.
- 4. (a) Define patriarchy. Does it have bearings on women's entitlement in Indian family system? Explain.
 - (b) How do you understand the 'minority' question? Examine the violence and discrimination against the religious minorities in India.
 - (c) What do you understand by LGBTQ? Comment on the issues concerning their marriage rights.

- 5. Write short answers to the following questions in about 150 words each, with a sociological perspective:
 - (a) Comment on the critical issues of commercialization of higher education in India.
 - (b) Discuss the challenges in Implementing the Rural Development Programmes in India.
 - (c) Elaborate urbanism as a way of life in India.
 - (d) Comment on the changing democratic profile of India.
 - (e) Elucidate the concerns of growing urban displacement dynamics in India.
- 6. (a) Examine the importance of Development Planning in India Mixed Economy, and analyze its problems and prospects.
 - (b) Highlight the main features of the 'Inter-linking of Rivers' project in India. What could be its probable advantages to Indian agriculture?
 - (c) Has reduction of green cover affected ecological degradation leading to global warming? Elaborate your answer with illustration.
- 7. (a) Do you think that 'demonetization' has accelerated the economic growth in India? How do you understand the informalization of labour, underemployment and gender discrimination in this context?
 - (b) Discuss the implications of 'Swachha Bharat Abhiyaan'. Do you think that civil society has a role to play here? Substantiate your answer with example.
 - (c) Do you agree that social movements are caused by opportunity structures that are generated by media? Why?

- 8. (a) Why has 'Active aging' become a global goal? Do you agree that the role of elderly care-giving is disproportionately gendered in developing countries? Why?
 - (b) What is the POSH Act? "Identification of tormentor by women at workplace does not come easily even today". Examine the statement with substantive examples from India
 - (c) What is 'social security'? Examine recent security measures adopted by the Government in India.

PAPFR-1

SECTION-A

- 1. Answer the following questions in about 150 words each:
 - (a) The focal point of sociology rests on interaction. How do you distinguish it from common sense?
 - (b) Distinguish between fact and value in Weber's Protestant Ethic ad Spirit of Capitalism.
 - (c) Do you think T and Me are central terms in Mead's work?
 - (d) What is the difference between natural and social inequality examples from caste and class dimensions.
 - (e) What are the new forms of family in developed societies? Discuss.
- 2. (a) Is non-positivistic methodology scientific? Illustrate.
 - (b) Explain Durkheim's basic arguments on suicide. Can you analyse high suicide rates of contemporary Indian society with Durkheim's theory?
 - (c) Evaluate if social stratification is functional for society.
- 3. (a) Does the collapse of functionalism and bankruptcy of Marxism coincide with the rupture of modernity? Discuss.
 - (b) Define patriarchy. How does patriarchy manifest in interpersonal relations?
 - (c) What is the difference between anomie in Merton and Durkheim? Explain.
- 4. (a) According to Marx, how are human beings alienated from their human potential and what does he suggest to change this?
 - (b) Schooling does not ensure upward mobility of all members of this society. Discuss with reference in class societies.
 - (c) Discuss the challenges thrown by religious revivalism to a secular nation-state.

- 5. Answer the following questions in about 150 words each:
 - (a) Is the theory of cultural lag valid in present times? Discuss.
 - (b) Are social movements primordial in means and progressive in agenda? Explain.
 - (c) Does scientific method make Sociology a Science? Illustrate your answer with Durkheim's method.

- (d) Distinguish between qualitative techniques of data collection with suitable examples from Indian society.
- (e) In social mobility possible in closed systems of stratification? Illustrate from research work.
- 6. (a) Discuss the nature of social organization of work in capitalist society with reference to the Limits of the working day.
 - (b) Distinguish between family and household with reference to the concept of development of the household.
 - (c) Explain with examples, the explanatory and exploratory designs of social research.
- 7. (a) How can Parsons' AGIL framework be used to analyse key problems is a society? Discuss.
 - (b) What is labour commitment? Discuss it with reference to studies of manufacturing industry.
 - (c) What, according to Pareto, are the basic characteristics of elites? Discuss
- 8. (a) "The sociological imagination enables us to grasp history and biography and the relationship between the two in a society." – C.W.Mills . Explain.
 - (b) What are sects? Discuss their role in multi-religious societies with empirical examples.
 - (c) In what way did Durkheim perceive religion as functional to society?

PAPER-2

SECTION-A

- 1. Write short answers with a sociological perspective of the following questions in about 150 words each.
 - (a) Write a note on G.S.Ghurye's Indological perspective of understanding Indian society.
 - (b) Give a critical analysis of Andre Beteille's study of Tanjore village.
 - (c) Media is the fourth pillar of democracy. Discuss.
 - (d) Write a note on the changing roles of middle-class women in India.
 - (e) Discuss the growth of religious sects in India.
- 2. (a) Analyse A.R. Desai's views on India's path of development.
 - (b) Examine sociological dynamics of Champaran Peasant Movement in colonial India.
 - (c) How do the recommendations of Swaminathan Commissions (2004-2006) ensure food and nutrition security for the Indian masses?
- 3. (a) What do you understand by discrete castes and muddled hierarchies? Substantiate your answer with suitable illustrations.
 - (b) Discuss development induced displacement in the context of tribal uprising in India. Substantiate your answer with any one detailed illustration from India.

- (c) Illustrate the importance of 'Kanyadan' and 'Kulabadhu' in changing institution of marriage and family.
- 4. (a) How has the New Economic Policy (1991) affected the lifestyle and life changed in new middle class in India.
 - (b) Write a critical narrative on the concerns of religious minorities in India.
 - (c) Discuss the issues relating to the entitlement of transgender in Indian society.

SECTION "B"

- 5. Write short answers, with a sociological perspective of the following questions in about 150 words each.
 - (a) Elaborate the concept of constitutional morality as given by B.R.Ambedkar.
 - (b) Construct a sociological narrative on the increasing trend of child abuse in India.
 - (c) Explain the dynamics of neo-farmers movement in contemporary India.
 - (d) Assess the role of the State in promoting education of girl child.
 - (e) Elaborate the 'Me Too' Movement and its impact in India.
- 6. (a) How do you relate the growth of development of metropoles and its impact on the mental and social life of people in India.
 - (b) Has Green Revolution led to the formation of new power elite in rural India? Elaborate your answer.
 - (c) Write a note on Basic Services to Urban Poet (BSUP) and Integrated Housing and Slum Development (IHSD) programme provided for the urban poor.
- 7. (a) Has caste system hindered democracy and adult franchise in India. Discuss.
 - (b) Elaborate various forms of Dalit assertions in contemporary India? Discuss.
 - (c) With increase in education and economic development is Indian society becoming more secular.
- 8. (a) What are the issues relating to male migration and its impact on birthrate? Does it necessarily result in skewed sex ratio?
 - (b) Western patriarchy which surrenders feminine principles is the development project in India. Do you agree with this view? Why?
 - (c) Assess the impact of ban on 'Triple Talak' on marriage and divorce among the Muslim community in India.

2017

PAPER-1

SECTION-A

- 1. (a) Explain how sociology has emerged as a distinct discipline based on rationality and scientific tamper.
 - (b) Examine ethnomethodological and phenomenological perspective as critique of
 - (c) Illustrate with example the significance of variables in sociology research.
 - (d) Critically analyse Talcott Parsons conception of pattern variable'.
 - (e) Can we equate 'poverty' with 'poor living'? Elaborate your answer.

- 2. (a) Discuss the changing equation of discipline of sociology with other social sciences.
 - (b) Examine the basic postulates of positivism and post-positivism.
 - (c) Elaborate the main tenets of interpretative perspective in sociology.
- 3. (a) Discuss distinct sociological method adopted by Emile Durkheim in his study of 'suicide'.
 - (b) Analyse Marxian conception of historical materialism as a critique of Hegelian dialectics.
 - (c) Examine epistemological foundation of qualitative methods of social research.
- 4. (a) What is Weberian critique of Marxist notion of social stratification.
 - (b) Examine gender. Ethnicity and race as major dimensions of social stratification.
 - (c) How can one resolve the issue of reliability and validity in the context of sociological research on inequality?

SECTION 'B'

- 5. (a) What do you understand by informalisation of labour '? Write your answer with special reference to India.
 - (b) Discuss the changing interface between state and civil society in post-independent India.
 - (c) Give an assessment of Durkheimian notion of 'scared' and 'profane' in sociology of religion.
 - (d) Examine 'patriarchal bargain' as gendered division of work in contemporary India.
 - (e) Assess the role of mass media as an agent of social change.
- 6. (a) Trace the changing nature of organisation of work in capitalist society over the years.
 - (b) What is new in 'new social movement '? Elaborate your answer with special reference to India.
 - (c) Examine the dynamics of pressure groups in multi-party political system.
- 7. (a) Examine the relationship between the contemporary trends in marriage and the changing form of family.
 - (b) Discuss the regional variations of kinship system in Indian society.
 - (c) Problematise the concept if secularism in the present context.
- 8. (a) Examine any two theories of social change in detail society.
 - (b) Critically analyse the role of science and technology in bringing about social change.
 - (c) Elaborate on various types of religious practices prevalent in India society.

2017

PAPER-2

SECTION-A

- 1. Write short answers with a sociological perspective on the following, in about 150 words each: $(10 \times 5 = 50)$
 - (a) Write a critique of the structural and functional perspective used by M.N. Srinivas in the understanding of Indian society.
 - (b) Which is more significant, the principle of 'hierarchy' or the principle of difference; in intercaste relations in the present day?

- (c) What are the distinct features of Islam as practiced in India, and how have they changed over time?
- (d) How have the struggles against untouchability changed their forms and perspective from Gandhian to Ambedkarite positions?
- (e) Write a short note on changing means of production and increased rural poverty.
- 2. (a) The main objective of socio- religious movement during the colonial rule in India were reforming and synthesizing Hinduism. Write an any two such important movement.
 - (b) Discuss Yogendra Singh's thesis on Modernization of Indian Tradition. And evaluate its applicability in the present-day context.
 - (c) What are the changes in the cultural and structural aspects of the caste system since independence?
- 3. (a) Indebtedness is one of the serious issues leading to farmers'suicides. Discuss reasons and suggest solutions.
 - (b) Clarify the distinction between "household" and "family" and evaluate Whether joint families have completely disintegrated.
 - (c) Compare the north Indian kinship System with the South Indian kinship system.
- 4. (a) Explain the concepts of dominant caste' and 'vote' bank giving examples from specific regions.
 - (b) What is the nature of religious change among tribal communities? Illustrate with two examples from colonial and post-independence times.
 - (c) Compare the pressing problems of a dalit poor family living in an urban slum with a similar type of family living in a rural setting.

- 5. Write short answers with a sociological perspective on the following, in about 150 words each: $(10 \times 5 = 50)$
 - (a) What are the reasons for the escalation of violence against women in the public domain?
 - (b) Write a note on Education and equality in India.
 - (c) Give an account of the problems relating to the "creamy layer".
 - (d) Do you agree that the issue of child labour raises questions about and beyond the informal sector? Give reasons.
 - (e) What are the Emerging concerns on women's reproductive health?

- 6. (a) Discuss some of the striking issues of development induced imbalances that need urgent attention.
 - (b) Examine the impact of heritage tourism on urban socio-spatial patterns in India.
 - (c) What are the causes and solutions for the low female sex-ratio in the DEMARU States of Punjab, Haryana, Himachal, and Gujarat?
- 7. (a) Despite gains from the women's gender movement and states policy of women empowerment, gender equality is far from achieved. Identify two major challenges that prevent this goal from being reached.
 - (b) To what extent does nation building depends on strengthening of pluralities in Indian society?
 - (c) Explain the issue relating to ethnicity and sub-ethnicity.
- 8. (a) What is cultural Revivalism? Give some examples from performing arts, language dissemination and arts crafts in recent times.
 - (b) What, according to you are the two fundamental axes of social discrimination in Indian society? Are they changing?
 - (c) Why have we started using another category of tribes called the Particularly Vulnerable Groups (PVTGs) Why are they so called?

