

2008

M.A.

2nd Semester Examination

SOCIOLOGY

(PERSPECTIVES ON INDIAN SOCIETY)

PAPER—SOC-1201

Full Marks : 40

Time : 2 Hours

The figures in the right-hand margin indicate full marks.

Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.

Illustrate the answers wherever necessary.

Group—A

(20 marks)

1. Answer any *one* of the following : 1×10-
 - (a) Discuss briefly the two major approaches of studying Indian society.
 - (b) What does Ghurye mean by saying that caste is a 'Brahmanical child'?

2. Answer any *two* of the following : 5×2
 - (a) How does caste differ from a subcaste? Explain.
 - (b) What is indology? Explain briefly.
 - (c) Discuss the significance of Hierarchy as a feature of Caste.

(Turn Over)

Group-B

(20 marks)

3. Answer any *one* of the following : 1×10
- (a) Discuss after A. R. Desai the relevance and significance of dialectical approach in understanding Indian society.
 - (b) Examine the major criticisms against 'Subaltern' approach to the study of Indian Society.
4. Answer any *two* of the following : 5×2
- (a) What, according to Surajit Chandra Sinha, are the differences between peasant and tribal cultural systems ?
 - (b) How does A. R. Desai criticise mainstream Indian Sociology ?
 - (c) Who are the dalits ? Give examples.
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