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SOCIOLOGY

First Paper

Full Marks : 200

Time : 3 hours

The questions are of equal value

Answer any six questions

1. Describe the agrarian component of the Indian society. Describe the linkages of the agrarian society with the urban-industrial society in the Indian context.
2. What are the salient characteristics of caste system? Discuss the various factors leading to changes in the caste system.
3. Critically discuss the various theories of the origin of caste. Which of these theories you consider as the most important in explaining the origin of the caste system? Explain.
4. Describe the fundamental tenets of Buddhism. Compare the fundamental tenets of Buddhism with that of Hinduism.
5. Give an idea of the traditional rural power structure in India and show its changes caused by the democratic decentralization of power after Independence.

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6. Critically examine the working of the Panchayati Raj system in Assam.
7. Discuss the negative features of urbanization in India. Suggest ways and means to overcome such negative development.
8. Discuss the rural reconstruction programmes in India. Give your opinion on their working.
9. Give an outline of the socio-cultural life of a major tribal community of Assam and examine the impact of modernization on it.
10. Write a note on the development schemes introduced by the Government after Independence for upliftment of tribals in India with special reference to that of Assam.

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