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SOCIOLOGY

FIRST PAPER

Full Marks : 200

Time : 3 hours

The questions are of equal value

Answer any Eight questions

1. What are the basic features of the tribal and the agrarian societies? Write 'briefly in what ways the agrarian society is different from the industrial society. Discuss the present changes of these categories of society in contemporary India.
2. What important social, economic and political changes are taking place in Indian village communities after Independence? Describe briefly the factors responsible for these changes.
3. Discuss the origin of Caste system in India and critically evaluate the structure and functions of Caste system and highlight the main factors of recent changes in the Caste system particularly after Independence.
4. Evaluate the concept of 'Casteism' and its role in Indian politics. Do you agree with Prof. M.N. Srinivas' views that Caste system cannot be altogether done away within India? Discuss.
5. Discuss the basic ideals of the existing major religions in India which can help in promoting unity and harmony among the religious communities in our country.

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6. Discuss on the rural power structures in India and the role of the Panchayati Raj System in the context of rural development.
7. Define the concepts of urbanization and urbanism and discuss the basic problems of urban society in India and point out some measures to solve the urban problems of our country.
8. Discuss the problems of the Scheduled tribes in India and describe the measures adopted by the Government to improve the socio-economic conditions of the tribal people.
9. Provide a discussion on tribal identity movements in Assam and give your suggestions to solve the problem.
10. Write short notes on any two of the following :
  - (a) Transformation of rural society in India.
  - (b) Crisis of ethnic identity in North-East India.
  - (c) New-Vaishnavite Movement and its contributions to Assamese society.