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Practice Paper

Session: 2025-26

CLASS – XI

SOCIOLOGY (CODE : 039)

Duration: 3 hours

Max. Marks: 80

General Instructions:

- 1. The question paper is divided into four sections.**
- 2. There are 35 questions in all. All questions are compulsory.**
- 3. Section A includes question No. 1-16. These are MCQ type questions. As per the question, there can be one answer.**
- 4. Section B includes question No. 17-25. These are very short answer type questions carrying 2 marks each. Answer to each question should not exceed 30 words.**
- 5. Section C includes question No. 26-32. They are short answer type questions carrying 4 marks each. Answer to each question should not exceed 80 words.**
- 6. Section D includes question No. 33-35. They are long answer type questions carrying 6 marks each. Answer to each question should not exceed 200 words each.**

	SECTION A	
1	In the following question, a statement of Assertion (A) is followed by a statement of Reason(R). Choose the appropriate answer from the options given below as the correct answer: Assertion(A): In simple and traditional societies, a person's social position is usually determined by birth. Reason(R): In such societies, factors like age, caste, race, and kinship decide an individual's ascribed status rather than personal achievements or abilities. a) A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A. b) Both A and R are true but R is not the correct explanation of A. c) A is true but R is false. d) A is false and R is true.	1

2	In the following question, a statement of Assertion (A) is followed by a statement of Reason(R). Choose the appropriate answer from the options given below as the correct answer: Assertion(A): Power is reflected only through punishment and control over others. Reason(R): Power can also be expressed through guidance, influence, and the distribution of responsibilities in different social settings. a) A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A. b) Both A and R are true but R is not the correct explanation of A. c) A is true but R is false. d) A is false and R is true.	1
3	Collection of people who gather at one place at a particular time but do not share any definite relationship with one another. This means — I. Their association is temporary. II. They interact with each other regularly. III. It is not an organized group. IV. They have deep emotional bonds. Choose the correct option: a) I and II b) I and III c) II and IV d) III and IV	1
4	In the following question, a statement of Assertion (A) is followed by a statement of Reason(R). Choose the appropriate answer from the options given below as the correct answer: Assertion(A): Identities are not inherited but fashioned both by the individual and the group through their relationship with others. Reason(R): For the individual the social roles that s/he plays imparts identity. a) A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A. b) Both A and R are true but R is not the correct explanation of A. c) A is true but R is false. d) A is false and R is true.	1
5	Which of the following is incorrect about marriage? a) Marriage is only a biological relationship between two individuals. b) Marriage is a socially approved union between adults. c) Marriage creates kinship ties between partners and their families. d) Marriage is recognized as a social institution in all societies	1
6	Bureaucracy ensures efficiency and limits arbitrary power because— a) It allows employees to act freely without rules. b) Employees' powers are restricted according to their responsibilities. c) It gives absolute power to bureaucrats. d) It ignores rules in public institutions.	1

7	Ethnocentrism can create social tension because— a) it promotes equal respect for all cultures b) it encourages people to judge others by their own cultural standards c) it leads to better understanding between communities d) it eliminates cultural prejudice	1
8	In the following question, a statement of Assertion (A) is followed by a statement of Reason(R). Choose the appropriate answer from the options given below as the correct answer: Assertion(A): Sociology is called the child of the ‘age of revolution’. Reason(R): The Enlightenment, the French Revolution, and the Industrial Revolution brought fundamental changes in society that led to the emergence of sociology. a) A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A. b) Both A and R are true but R is not the correct explanation of A. c) A is true but R is false. d) A is false and R is true.	1
9	‘The scholars included among those known as the ‘trinity’ were— a) Radhakamal Mukerjee, D.P. Mukerjee, Ghurye b) Srinivas, D.P. Mukerjee, D.N. Majumdar c) Radhakamal Mukerjee, D.P. Mukerjee, D.N. Majumdar d) Radhakamal Mukerjee, D.N. Majumdar, Elvin	1
10	In the following question, a statement of Assertion (A) is followed by a statement of Reason(R). Choose the appropriate answer from the options given below as the correct answer: Assertion(A): In India, conflict and rebellion bring changes within tradition rather than completely breaking it. Reason(R): The resilience of tradition ensures that the pressure of conflict produces transformation, while the tradition itself continues to survive. a) A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A. b) Both A and R are true but R is not the correct explanation of A. c) A is true but R is false. d) A is false and R is true.	1
	Read the passage given below Let us begin with some suggestions that are often made to young students like you. One advice often made is, “Study hard and you will do well in life.” The second advice as often made is, “If you do this subject or set of subjects you will have a better chance of getting a good job in the future.” The third could be, “As a boy this does not seem a correct choice of subject” or “As a girl, do you think your choice of subjects is a practical one?” Based on the given passage, answer Q11 and 12.	

11	Which of the following statements reflects a common suggestion given to students regarding education? a) Success in life depends only on luck. b) Hard work and sincere study lead to success. c) Only sports guarantee success in life. d) One should avoid studying difficult subjects.	1
12	What social idea is reflected in the statement — “A subject may not be suitable for a boy or girl”? a) It reflects gender stereotypes in education. b) It promotes equal opportunity for all learners. c) It encourages scientific thinking among students. d) It highlights the importance of personal interest only.	1
13	Read the passage given below Political changes need not only be international — they can have enormous social impact even at home. Although you may not have thought of it this way, the Indian independence movement did not only bring about political change in the form of the end of British rule, it also decisively changed Indian society. Based on the given passage, answer Q13 and 14. Which of the following is correct regarding the impact of the Indian freedom struggle? a) It only brought political change by ending British rule. b) It had no significant effect on Indian society. c) It brought both political and social changes in India. d) It was mainly an international political event.	1
14	Put the following statements in the correct sequence regarding changes caused by the Indian freedom movement: I. The struggle ended British political control over India. II. It led to transformations in Indian society as well. III. Some may not have realized the social impact initially. IV. The movement resulted in both political and social change. Identify the correct order . a) I., II., III., IV. b) III., I., II., IV. c) I., III., II., IV. d) II., I., IV., III.	1
15	Role stereotyping reinforces fixed ideas about the roles of men and women in society. Which of the following is true about role stereotyping? a) It promotes equality between men and women. b) It encourages flexibility and change in social roles. c) It reinforces traditional and unchanging role expectations. d) It eliminates discrimination based on gender roles.	1

16	In the following question, a statement of Assertion (A) is followed by a statement of Reason(R). Choose the appropriate answer from the options given below as the correct answer: Assertion(A): People often try to emulate the lifestyle and behaviour of certain groups to which they do not actually belong. Reason(R): Such groups, known as <i>reference groups</i>, serve as models of aspiration and influence people's choices, attitudes, and values. a) A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A. b) Both A and R are true but R is not the correct explanation of A. c) A is true but R is false. d) A is false and R is true.	1
	SECTION B	
17	“Economic enterprise based on market exchange rests on private ownership of assets and means of production.” Formulate, why capitalism is considered a system based on inequality?	2
18	The study of Indian villages played a crucial role in the development of Indian sociology after independence. Village studies offered valuable insights into social change and demonstrated the relevance of ethnographic research methods to a modernising society. Do you agree that village studies gave a new direction and relevance to Indian sociology in the post-independence period? Give reasons.	2
	OR	
	It is often assumed that the study of Indian society was limited to primitive communities and that sociology had little relevance to modern India. Is this assumption true? Give reasons for your answer.	
19	“Sociology studies the way individual behaviour is shaped by social institutions like economy, politics, family, and culture.” Is this statement valid? Give reasons to support your answer.	2
20	Formal and informal social control are two important means of maintaining social order. Provide two points of difference between formal and informal social control.	2
21	“The family is often a site where gender inequality is reproduced.” State in your own words the meaning of this statement.	2
22	How does a school socialise a student?	2
	OR	
	How have mass media become an important part of our lives?	

23	“Often we discuss modern economy as if it is simple and traditional.” How would you prove this statement false?	2
24	“Cultural change is the way in which societies change their patterns of culture. The impetus for change can be internal or external.” What would happen if a society experiences cultural change?	2
25	“Norms are implicit rules . Pierre Bourdieu, the French sociologist has reminded us that when we try to understand another culture’s norms, we must remember that there are certain implicit understandings.” How are social norms understood in a society? Illustrate with an example.	2
SECTION C		
26	“In many societies, including parts of India, descent and inheritance follow the patrilineal system.” State two measures or steps taken to improve women’s property and inheritance rights in such a system.	4
27	Social stratification refers to the structured inequalities that exist between different groups in society based on access to material or symbolic rewards. Justify the statement with suitable reasons.	4
28	Illustrate the importance of preserving traditional knowledge despite modern technology.	4
29	Universal adult franchise was established only through long struggles. Did this abolish all the inequalities of previous eras? Explain your answer with reasons.	4
30	A.R. Desai critically analysed the concept of the modern welfare state from a Marxist perspective in his essay “<i>The Myth of the Welfare State.</i>” Demonstrate the four ways suggested by Desai to examine the functioning of a welfare state.	4
31	“The Industrial Revolution not only transformed production but also brought major changes in social life.” Derive the reason for the given statement with reference to the Industrial Revolution.	4
OR		
	Marx described society in terms of a <i>mode of production</i>, which includes both the productive forces and the relations of production. Justify the statement with reference to Marx’s conception of the economy.	
32	M.N. Srinivas and Louis Dumont both studied Indian villages. Justify how their views on rural society differed from each other.	4

	SECTION D	
33	Read the following passage and answer the questions given below: “According to the functionalists the family performs important tasks, which contribute to society’s basic needs and helps perpetuate social order. The functionalist perspective argues that modern industrial societies function best if women look after the family and men earn the family livelihood.” (a) Explain how functionalists view the role of family in society. (b) According to the functionalist view, what roles are assigned to men and women?	4 2
34	‘counter cultures’ among youth or ‘youth rebellion’ arises due to protests against or refusal to conform to prevalent social norms. Discuss the main reasons for ‘youth rebellion’.	6
35	List and explain the features of <i>Mechanical Solidarity</i> as described by Durkheim.	6