

IAS Mains Sociology 1995

Paper I

Section A

1. Write short notes on any three of the following (each answer should not exceed 200 words):
 - a. Methods of science and sociology
 - b. Social class and social status
 - c. Social fact
 - d. Primary group
2. "Subjective perception of the objection reality prepares the context for the articulation of class antagonism." Evaluate this statements with reference to Karl Marx's contribution.
3. Bring out the strength and the weakness of Robert Merton's advancement over the classical functionalism.
4. Critically examine the role of formal and informal structures of bureaucracy in economic and social reconstruction of the developing societies.

Section B

5. Write short notes on any three of the following (each answer should not exceed 200 words):
 - a. Middle-range theories
 - b. Role of culture
 - c. Social disorganization
 - d. Social consequences of economic development
6. What has been the impact of industrialization on family and kinship organization? Illustrate the significance of kinship organization in the industrial societies.
7. Elaborate the meaning of the term equality of educational opportunity. Discuss education as a medium of cultural reproduction and social transformation.
8. Explain the classical concept of social change and critically examine the contribution of the linear theories of social change.