

# IAS Mains Sociology 1992

## Paper I

### Section A

1. Write short notes on any three of the following (each answer should not exceed 200 words):
  - a. Design of sociological research.
  - b. Parsons idea of equilibrium.
  - c. Concept of social structure.
  - d. Internal contradictions
2. What are the basic questions which inspired Durkheim to study the division of labour in society? Critically comment on his conclusions.
3. Critically bring out the differences in the approaches of Karl Marx and Max Weber to the study of class structure in industrial capitalist society.
4. Examine critically the place of culture in Malinowskis contribution of functional society.

### Section B

5. Write short notes on any three of the following (each answer should not exceed 200 words):
  - a. Informal structure of bureaucracy.
  - b. Education as a medium of cultural reproduction.
  - c. Social consequences of increase in the rate of divorce.
  - d. Merits and demerits of secret ballot in democracy.
6. Social inequality is the device by which societies ensure that the most important positions are filled by the most qualified persons. Explain this viewpoint and state the grounds on which it is refuted.
7. Elaborate the concepts of status-consistency and status-inconsistency. State the factors responsible for status inconsistency in modern societies.
8. What is happening to religion in the face of challenges of science in modern societies ? Elaborate your answer with the help of sociological literature.