

IAS Mains Sociology 2005

Paper II

Section A

1. Write short notes on any three of the following in not more than 200 words each $20 \times 3 = 60$
 - a. Racial Theories of Origin of caste
 - b. Characteristics of peasant societies
 - c. Generation gap
 - d. Inequality in Education
2. Discuss the paradoxical nature of change in contemporary Indian society. Describe the factors responsible for it. 60
3. Describe the process of emergence of the middle class in India. What role has the middle class played in national development? 60
4. Discuss the social base of political parties in India. What has been its impact on Indian democracy? 60

Section B

5. Write short notes on any three of the following in not more than 200 words each: $20 \times 3 = 60$
 - a. Pluralism and national unity
 - b. Religious fundamentalism
 - c. Self-respect Movement
 - d. Obstacles to change in Indian society
6. Describe the distinctive features of tribal communities in India. Discuss the factors affecting tribal identity. 60
7. Describe various aspects of urban environment in India and assess the impact of urban development programmes on it. 60
8. Describe the process of social mobility among lower castes and discuss the role of the Backward Classes Movement in strengthening this process. 60