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**Uttar Pradesh Public
Service Commission
(UPPCS Mains)
Exam Syllabus**

Optional Subjects
Sociology

:: PAPER – I ::

**GENERAL SOCIOLOGY
SECTION-A**

- 1. Fundamentals of Sociology and Study of Social Phenomena :** Emergence of Sociology, its nature and scope. Methods of study; Problems of objectivity and issues of measurement in Social Science; Sampling and its types: Research Design: Descriptive, Exploratory and Experimental, Techniques of data collection: Observation, Interview schedule and questionnaire.
- 2. Theoretical Perspectives-** Functionalism: Redcliffe Brown, Malinowski and Merton, Conflict Theory: Karl Marx, Ralf Dahrendorf and Lewis Coser. Symbolic Interactionism: C.H. Cooley, G.H. Mead and Herbert Blumer, Structuralism: Levi Strauss, S.F. Nadel, Parsons and Merton.
- 3. Pioneers In Sociology;** A Comte-Positivism and Hierarchy of Sciences. H Spencer – Organic analogy and the doctrine of evolution. K. Marx- Dialectical materialism and alienation. E. Durkheim- Division of labour, Sociology of religion, Max Weber-Social action and ideal type.
- 4. Social Stratification and Differentiation:** Concept, Theories of Stratification: Marx, Weber, Davis and Moore, Forms of stratification, Caste and Class. Status and Role, Social Mobilities: types, Occupational Mobility, intra-Generational and inter-Generational Mobilities.

SECTION-B

- 5. Marriage, Family and Kinship:** Types and forms of marriage, impact of social legislation on Marriage, Family: Structure and functions; Changing patterns of family; Family decent and kinship: Marriage and sex roles in modern society.
- 6. Social Change and Development:** Concept, Theories and Factors of Social Change, Social movement and change. State intervention. Social policy and development programme, Strategies of rural transformation: Community development programme. I.R.D.P., TRYSEM and Jawahar Rojgar Yojana, Inclusive and sustainable Development.
- 7. Economic and Political System:** Concept of property, Social dimensions of division of labour. Types of exchange. Industrialisation, Urbanisation and Social Development, Nature of Power:

Personal and Community, Elite, Class. Modes of political participation-Democratic and Authoritarian.

8. Religion, Science and Technology: Concept, Role and religious belief in traditional and modern societies. Ethos of science, Social responsibility and control of science; Social consequences of science and technology. **9.** Population and Society: Population size, Trends, Composition, Growth by Migration, population Problems in India, Population Education.

:: PAPER - II ::

**Indian Social System
Section-A**

- 1. Bases of Indian Society: Traditional Indian Social Organisation: Dharma, Doctrine of Karma. Ashram Vyavastha, Purushartha and Sanskars; Socio-Cultural Dynamics: impact of Buddhism, Islam and the west. Factors responsible for continuity and change.**
- 2. Social Stratification: Caste system: Origin, Structural and Cultural views. Changing patterns of Caste; Caste and class: Issues of equality and social justice; - Agrarian and industrial Class structure in India, Emergence of middle classes. Classes among the Tribes, Emergence and growth of Dalit consciousness.**
- 3. Marriage Family and Kinship: Marriage among different ethnic groups and its changing trends and future; it's Family: structural and functional aspects and their Changing Pattern, Impact of legislations and socio-economic changes on marriage and family, Regional variations in kinship Kinship: system and its changing aspects. Jajmani System,**
- 4. Economic and Political System: land tenure system, Social and economic consequences of land reforms, liberalization and globalization; Social Determinants of economic development, Green revolution, functioning of democratic political system. Political parties and their composition, Structural change and orientation among political elites, Decentralisation of power and political participation, Political implications of development.**
- 5. Education and Society: Dimensions of education in traditional and modern societies, Educational inequalities and change; Education and social mobility. Problems of education among the weaker sections of society.**

SECTION-B

- 6. Tribal, Rural and Urban Social Organisation: Distinctive features of tribal communities and their distribution; Tribe and caste, Processes of change: Acculturation, Assimilation and integration. Problems of tribals: social identity, Socio-cultural dimensions of village community; traditional power structure, Democratisation and leadership, Community development programme and Panchayati Raj, New strategies for rural transformation, change in Kinship, caste and occupation in**

urban areas. Class structure and mobility in urban community; Ethnic diversity and community intergration, urban neighbourhood, rural urban differences, Demographic and socio-cultural practices.

7. Religion and Society: Size, Growth and Regional distribution of different religious groups; inter religious interaction and its manifestations, Problems of conversion, Community tensions, Secularism, Minority status and religious fundamentalism.

8. Population Dynamics: Socio-cultural aspects of sex, Age, Marital status, Fertility and mortality. Sociopsychological, cultural and economic problems of population explosion, Population policy and family welfare programme; Determinants of population growth.

9. Women and Society: Demographic profile of women, Changes in their status; Special problems dowry, atrocities, discrimination; welfare programmes for women & children, Domestic Violence Act–2005, Sexual Harassment at Workplace- 2013.

10. Dimensions of Change and Development: Social change and Indices of modernisation, Sources of social change: Endogenous and Exogenous, Processes of Social Change: Sanskritisation, Westernisation, Secularisation and Modernisation, Agents of change: Mass Media, Education and communication, problems of modernization and planned change, Strategy and ideology of planning. Five year plans. Poverty alleviation programme; Environment, Unemployment and programme for Urban Development; social movement with special reference to Social reform, peasant, Backward Classes, Women and Dalit Movements.

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