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**DISTANCE EDUCATION**

**M.A.(Sociology) DEGREE EXAMINATION, MAY 2025.**

**Third Semester**

**INDIAN SOCIAL PROBLEMS**

**(CBCS 2018 – 2019 Academic Year Onwards)**

**Time : Three hours**

**Maximum : 75 marks**

**PART A — (10 × 2 = 20 marks)**

**Answer ALL the questions.**

1. What is a social problem?
2. Define conflict theory.
3. What are the types of social disorganisation?
4. Define social order.
5. What is cybercrime?
6. Define mental disability.
7. Define divorce.
8. What is gender-based violence?
9. What is social exclusion?
10. Define human agency.

PART B — ( $5 \times 5 = 25$  marks)

Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b).

11. (a) Explain the characteristics of social problems.

Or

- (b) Explain the key principles of interaction.

12. (a) Discuss different types of social control.

Or

- (b) Explain the impact of unemployment on society.

13. (a) Discuss different types of disabilities.

Or

- (b) Discuss different types of child abuse.

14. (a) Explain the different forms of abuse against women.

Or

- (b) Discuss the impact of ethnic conflicts on community harmony.

15. (a) Discuss the impact of extremism on national security.

Or

- (b) Explain the role of political parties in social movement.

PART C — ( $3 \times 10 = 30$  marks)

Answer any THREE questions.

16. Discuss how Functionalism, conflict theory, and interactive explain social issues.
  17. Explain the impact of modernization on social order.
  18. Explain the causes, symptoms, and prevention of AIDS.
  19. Describe various measures to reduce group conflicts in society.
  20. Analyze the causes and consequences of environmental pollution.
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**DISTANCE EDUCATION**

**M.A.(Sociology) DEGREE EXAMINATION, MAY 2025.**

**Third Semester**

**SOCIOLOGY OF AGEING**

**(CBCS 2018 – 2019 Academic Year Onwards)**

**Time : Three hours**

**Maximum : 75 marks**

**PART A — (10 × 2 = 20 marks)**

**Answer ALL the questions.**

1. Define subcultural variations in aging.
2. Define emotional support in the context of aging.
3. What are kinship ties?
4. Define role relationships in the context of aging.
5. What is filial responsibility?
6. What are formal networks in aging?
7. What are the factors affecting social links in aging?
8. Define confidence in institutional for elderly care.
9. Define elderly neglect in society.
10. What is personal care in elderly support?

PART B — ( $5 \times 5 = 25$  marks)

Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b).

11. (a) Discuss the demographic challenges faced by elderly individuals.

Or

- (b) Explain how companionship benefits aged individuals.

12. (a) Discuss how ethnicity influences support systems for the elderly.

Or

- (b) Explain the importance of neighborhood ties for elderly individuals.

13. (a) Explain the importance of elderly involvement in society.

Or

- (b) Discuss the levels of connections elderly individuals have in community life.

14. (a) Discuss the impact of modernization on elderly social interactions.

Or

- (b) Explain the role of old age home in elderly well-being.

15. (a) Discuss the psychological impact of neglect on aging individuals.

Or

- (b) Explain the role of healthcare services in elderly well-being.

PART C — ( $3 \times 10 = 30$  marks)

Answer any THREE questions.

16. Analyze the role of different types of social support in improving the well-being of the elderly.
  17. Discuss the importance of intergenerational relationships in modern society.
  18. Analyze how formal networks help elderly individuals maintain social well-being.
  19. Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of institutional care for the elderly.
  20. Analyze the different types of elderly care and their significance in improving the quality of life.
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**DISTANCE EDUCATION**

**M.A.(Sociology) DEGREE EXAMINATION, MAY 2025.**

**Third Semester**

**GENDER AND SOCIETY**

**(CBCS 2018 – 2019 Academic Year Onwards)**

**Time : Three hours**

**Maximum : 75 marks**

**PART A — (10 × 2 = 20 marks)**

**Answer ALL the questions.**

1. What is meant by the social construction of gender?
2. What is gender identity?
3. Define feminism.
4. Who is a women entrepreneur?
5. List two challenges faced by women in the unorganized sector.
6. What does “invisibility of women’s role” mean?
7. What are the common health problems faced by women?
8. What is a female-headed household?
9. Define invisible work.
10. What is the impact of technology on women’ employment?

PART B — ( $5 \times 5 = 25$  marks)

Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b).

11. (a) Explain the concept of segregation and ranking in gender.

Or

- (b) Discuss the key ideas of Marxist feminism.

12. (a) Explain the impact of feminist movements on society.

Or

- (b) Explain the problems faced by women working in the unorganized sector.

13. (a) How does the invisibility of women's roles affect gender quality?

Or

- (b) Discuss the challenges faced by single-parent mothers.

14. (a) Explain the importance of recognizing household work as labor.

Or

- (b) Discuss the impact of single parenthood on children and family dynamics.

15. (a) Explain how development policies affect women's participation in the workforce.

Or

- (b) Discuss the role of women in the development of rural India.



PART C — ( $3 \times 10 = 30$  marks)

Answer any THREE questions.

16. Discuss the sociological analysis of gender with examples.
  17. Discuss the difference waves of feminism and their contributions.
  18. Explain the importance of support networks for women's health.
  19. Explain the role of women in parenting and its impact on society.
  20. How has technology influenced gender roles in the workplace?
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**DISTANCE EDUCATION**

**M.A. (Sociology) DEGREE EXAMINATION, MAY 2025.**

**Third Semester**

**RURAL AND URBAN SOCIOLOGY**

**(CBCS 2018 – 2019 Academic Year Onwards)**

**Time : Three hours**

**Maximum : 75 marks**

**PART A — (10 × 2 = 20 marks)**

**Answer ALL the questions.**

1. Define the scope of rural sociology.
2. What is Rurbanism?
3. Define village social structure.
4. What is agrarian unrest?
5. Define bonded labor.
6. What is urban sociology?
7. What is urbanism?
8. Define urban population growth.
9. Define the function of a city.
10. What is juvenile delinquency?

PART B — ( $5 \times 5 = 25$  marks)

Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b).

11. (a) Discuss the historical development of rural sociology.

Or

- (b) Explain the patterns of village settlements.

12. (a) Discuss the changing trends in inter-caste relations.

Or

- (b) Explain the major causes of peasant movements in India.

13. (a) Explain the impact of illiteracy and superstitions on rural society.

Or

- (b) Discuss the importance of studying urban society.

14. (a) Explain the methods of measuring urbanization.

Or

- (b) Explain the key trends of world urbanization.

15. (a) Explain the factors influencing the location of cities.

Or

- (b) Discuss the impact of housing problems on urban society.

PART C — ( $3 \times 10 = 30$  marks)

Answer any THREE questions.

16. Analyze the impact of social and economic changes on village social structure and land ownership patterns.
  17. Discuss the role of the Jajmani systems and its impact on rural society.
  18. Explain the role of land reform programs in shaping rural society.
  19. Analyze the challenges and opportunities in urban planning.
  20. Discuss the social and economic consequences of urbanization in India.
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**DISTANCE EDUCATION**

**M.A.(Sociology) DEGREE EXAMINATION, MAY 2025.**

**Fourth Semester**

**HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT**

**(CBCS 2018 – 2019 Academic Year Onwards)**

**Time : Three hours**

**Maximum : 75 marks**

**PART A — (10 × 2 = 20 marks)**

**Answer ALL the questions.**

1. List any two elements of management.
2. What is human resource management?
3. Define the role of HR policy in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.
4. What is the purpose of induction and placement?
5. What is job analysis?
6. Define the term “theories of wages”.
7. What is wage and salary administration?
8. What is recruitment?
9. Define affirmative plans.
10. Define labor problems in industries.

PART B — ( $5 \times 5 = 25$  marks)

Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b).

11. (a) Describe the functions of management.

Or

- (b) Discuss the evolution of human resource management.

12. (a) Explain the importance of human resource planning.

Or

- (b) Explain the purpose of job analysis in HRM.

13. (a) What are the advantages of wages and salary administration?

Or

- (b) Explain the concept of wages.

14. (a) How does an organization estimate external supply?

Or

- (b) Explain the different sources of recruitment.

15. (a) Discuss the role of job requirements in human resource planning.

Or

- (b) Explain the relevance of social work methods in the industrial sector.

PART C — ( $3 \times 10 = 30$  marks)

Answer any THREE questions.

16. Discuss the definition, scope, evolution and functions of human resource management.
  17. Explain the process of human resource planning with examples.
  18. Discuss the factors influencing recruiter habits and their impact on hiring.
  19. Explain the different theories of wages in detail.
  20. Describe the meaning, scope and relevance of industrial social work.
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**DISTANCE EDUCATION**

**M.A.(Sociology) DEGREE EXAMINATION, MAY 2025.**

**Fourth Semester**

**ECOLOGY AND SOCIETY**

**(CBCS 2018 – 2019 Academic Year Onwards)**

**Time : Three hours**

**Maximum : 75 marks**

**PART A — (10 × 2 = 20 marks)**

**Answer ALL the questions.**

1. Define ecology and its importance.
2. What is the sociological perspective on ecology?
3. Mention any two contributions of Karl Marx to environmental thought.
4. Define environmental sociology.
5. What is the 21<sup>st</sup> century paradigm in environmental sociology?
6. Name any two theorists who contributed to environmental sociology.
7. Explain the concept of “Nature versus nurture” in environmental studies.
8. What are the major environmental issues related to population growth?



9. Define social impact assessment of environmental issues.
10. What is environmental justice?

PART B — ( $5 \times 5 = 25$  marks)

Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b).

11. (a) Discuss the nature and scope of ecology.

Or

- (b) Explain Emile Durkheim's perspective on the environment.

12. (a) How did environmental sociology rise, decline and re-emerge?

Or

- (b) Write a short note on the emerging theoretical parameters in environmental sociology.

13. (a) Explain any two contributions of Dunlap and Catton to environmental sociology.

Or

- (b) Discuss the role of Patrick Giddens in environmental sociology.

14. (a) How does urban development impact rural poverty?

Or

- (b) Discuss environmental issues related to water and sanitation.

15. (a) What are the major challenges to post-materialism and the environment today?

Or

- (b) Explain the relationship between technology and environmental policy.

PART C — ( $3 \times 10 = 30$  marks)

Answer any THREE questions.

16. Explain the sociological understanding of ecology with suitable examples.
  17. Discuss the impact of population growth on environmental sustainability.
  18. Analyze the role of global environmentalism in addressing climate change.
  19. Examine the importance of social impact assessment in development projects.
  20. Discuss the influence of technology on environmental action and policy-making.
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**DISTANCE EDUCATION**

**M.A.(Sociology) DEGREE EXAMINATION, MAY 2025.**

**Fourth Semester**

**SOCIAL WELFARE ADMINISTRATION**

**(CBCS 2018 – 2019 Academic Year Onwards)**

**Time : Three hours**

**Maximum : 75 marks**

**PART A — (10 × 2 = 20 marks)**

**Answer ALL the questions.**

1. What is the purpose of social welfare administration?
2. Expand CSWB and explain its function briefly.
3. Mention any two types of social agencies.
4. What is agency registration?
5. What is the role of an executive in a trust?
6. What is social policy?
7. What is aim of programmes for the handicapped?
8. What is meant by social change?
9. Define divorce.
10. What is child labour?

PART B — ( $5 \times 5 = 25$  marks)

Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b).

11. (a) Explain the importance of public relations in social welfare.

Or

- (b) Discuss the NGOs in national development.

12. (a) Explain the methods of agency registration.

Or

- (b) How do societies and trusts contribute to social welfare?

13. (a) Explain the role of social legislation in protecting weaker sections.

Or

- (b) How do Directive principles guide social policies?

14. (a) Explain the key features of Muslim marriage laws.

Or

- (b) What are the rights of a minor under-India law?

15. (a) Discuss the laws related to women harassment.

Or

- (b) How does the law protect people with disabilities?

PART C — ( $3 \times 10 = 30$  marks)

Answer any THREE questions.

16. Discuss the detail the principles of social welfare administration.
17. Discuss the role of CSWB and state social welfare boards.

18. Describe the various social policies for SCs, STs, and OBCs.
  19. Explain the adoption and succession laws in India.
  20. Discuss the impact of child labor laws in India.
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**DISTANCE EDUCATION**

**M.A.(Sociology) DEGREE EXAMINATION, MAY 2025.**

**Fourth Semester**

**MEDICAL SOCIOLOGY**

**(CBCS 2018 – 2019 Academic Year Onwards)**

**Time : Three hours**

**Maximum : 75 marks**

**PART A — (10 × 2 = 20 marks)**

**Answer ALL the questions.**

1. Define medical sociology and its objectives.
2. What is the difference between sociology of medicine and sociology in medicine?
3. Mention any two principles of medical sociology.
4. What are the four aspects of health?
5. Define social medicine.
6. What are the components of epidemiology?
7. Explain the concept of the sick role.
8. What do you mean by health stratification?
9. What is the role of medical social service in a hospital?
10. Name two contemporary issues in health service management.

PART B — ( $5 \times 5 = 25$  marks)

Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b).

11. (a) Discuss the relevance of medical sociology in patient care.

Or

- (b) Write a short note on the historical development of medical sociology.

12. (a) Explain the role of beliefs, values and attitudes in health behavior.

Or

- (b) Describe the structure and function of a hospital as a social institution.

13. (a) What are the uses and sources of vital and health statistics?

Or

- (b) Explain the microbial theory and process of disease transmission.

14. (a) Discuss the process of seeking medical care.

Or

- (b) What is the labeling theory of illness?

15. (a) Explain the evolution of public health systems in India.

Or

- (b) Discuss the impact of medical technology on healthcare services.

PART C — ( $3 \times 10 = 30$  marks)

Answer any THREE questions.

16. Explain the functionalist approach to health and illness with examples.
  17. Analyze the impact of caste and class-based inequalities on health stratification.
  18. Discuss the role of social epidemiology in understanding health and disease.
  19. Examine the importance of risk management in contemporary healthcare services.
  20. Write a detailed note on the five-year plans and national health policies in India.
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