

CUET UG Sociology Sample Paper - 15

Duration: 1 Hour

Maximum Marks: 250

Instructions

- This paper contains a total of 50 Multiple Choice Questions.
- Each correct answer carries **+5 marks**.
- Each incorrect answer carries **-1 mark**.
- No negative marking for unattempted questions.

Q1. The 'Epidemiologic Transition' in the context of Demographic Transition Theory suggests that as a society moves from Stage 2 to Stage 3, the primary cause of mortality shifts from:

- (A) Malthusian positive checks to preventive checks.
- (B) Infectious and parasitic diseases to degenerative and man-made diseases.
- (C) High infant mortality to high maternal mortality.
- (D) Rural-to-urban migration-led epidemics to lifestyle disorders.

Q2. According to the 2011 Census and sociological analysis of the 'Dependency Ratio' in India, which of the following statements regarding the 'Age-Structure' is correct?

- (A) The dependency ratio increases when the TFR falls below the replacement level of 2.1.
- (B) A 'Youth Bulge' automatically guarantees a demographic dividend without state intervention.
- (C) The dependency ratio is a ratio of the population aged 0-14 and 65+ to the population aged 15-64.
- (D) India's dependency ratio is currently rising due to the 'Greying of the Population' in northern states.



- Q3.** In the context of the 'Rural-Urban Continuum', the phenomenon where rural areas adopt urban lifestyles while remaining geographically rural is termed as:
- (A) Hyper-urbanisation
 - (B) Rurbanisation
 - (C) Secondary Urbanisation
 - (D) Counter-urbanisation
- Q4.** Max Weber, in his analysis of 'Market and Social Power', argues that classes are not 'communities' but rather represent:
- (A) Biological groupings based on heredity.
 - (B) Bases for possible communal action rooted in 'Life Chances'.
 - (C) Ritual hierarchies equivalent to the Varna system.
 - (D) Political interest groups aiming for state control.
- Q5.** The 'Tribal Panchsheel' policy, advocated by Jawaharlal Nehru, was a sociological middle path between which two extremes?
- (A) Sanskritisation and Westernisation.
 - (B) Verrier Elwin's 'National Park' isolation and G.S. Ghurye's 'Assimilation'.
 - (C) The Jajmani system and the Global Market.
 - (D) Constitutionalism and Tribal Insurgency.
- Q6.** Consider the following statements regarding 'Weekly Haats' in tribal Bastar and identify the correct one based on Alfred Gell's study:
- (A) They are purely economic sites where social hierarchies are suspended.
 - (B) They function as 'Total Social Institutions' where kinship and status are reproduced.
 - (C) They have remained untouched by the forces of the 'Global Market'.



(D) They are controlled exclusively by the 'Dikus' (outsiders) for resource extraction.

Q7. Assertion (A): Article 17 of the Indian Constitution is considered a 'self-executing' provision for social equality.

Reason (R): The mere abolition of Untouchability by law led to the immediate disappearance of social exclusion in private spheres.

(A) Both (A) and (R) are true and (R) is the correct explanation of (A).

(B) Both (A) and (R) are true but (R) is not the correct explanation of (A).

(C) (A) is true but (R) is false.

(D) (A) is false but (R) is true.

Q8. The 'Mandal Commission' used which of the following sets of indicators to identify 'Socially and Educationally Backward Classes' (SEBC)?

(A) Only the economic criterion of annual household income.

(B) A combination of Social, Educational, and Economic indicators.

(C) Religious affiliation and proximity to urban centers.

(D) The percentage of land ownership within the Brahmin Varna.

Q9. The 'Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016' replaces the 'Medical Model' of disability with which model?

(A) The Charity Model

(B) The Human Rights or Social Model

(C) The Biological Determinism Model

(D) The Institutionalization Model

Q10. In the Indian model of 'Secularism', the state maintains a 'Principled Distance' from religion. This means:



- (A) The state is hostile to all religious expressions.
- (B) The state can intervene in religious matters to promote social reform.
- (C) There is a total 'Wall of Separation' like the American model.
- (D) The state recognizes only one 'State Religion' but tolerates others.

Q11. M.N. Srinivas's concept of 'Sanskritisation' is often criticized for being 'Elitist' because:

- (A) It encourages lower castes to overthrow the caste system.
- (B) It accepts the 'Upper Caste' lifestyle as the superior standard to be imitated.
- (C) It leads to the total Westernisation of rural India.
- (D) It is based on the logic of the 'Market' rather than 'Ritual'.

Q12. Which of the following is a 'Structural Change' introduced by British Colonialism in India, as per the analysis of M.N. Srinivas?

- (A) The introduction of the Jajmani system in villages.
- (B) The creation of a new middle class through English education and Civil Services.
- (C) The strengthening of the Varna hierarchy in urban areas.
- (D) The total isolation of tribes from the national economy.

Q13. The 73rd Constitutional Amendment Act (1992) made the 'Gram Sabha' a mandatory body. The Gram Sabha consists of:

- (A) All elected members of the Panchayat.
- (B) All adult citizens registered in the electoral rolls of the village.
- (C) Only the 'Dominant Caste' elders of the village.
- (D) The Block Development Officer and the Sarpanch.

Q14. The 'Green Revolution' in India (Phase 1) primarily targeted which crop-region combination, leading to the rise of 'Dominant Castes'?



- (A) Rice in the coastal Andhra region.
- (B) Wheat in Punjab, Haryana, and Western Uttar Pradesh.
- (C) Cotton in the Vidarbha region of Maharashtra.
- (D) Tea in the Brahmaputra valley of Assam.

Q15. The 'Social Movement' led by the 'Dalit Panthers' in Maharashtra (1972) was inspired by which global movement?

- (A) The French Revolution
- (B) The Black Panther Movement in the USA
- (C) The Anti-Apartheid Movement in South Africa
- (D) The Suffragette Movement in the UK

Q16. The 'New Farmer's Movements' that emerged in India during the 1970s and 80s (like the Shetkari Sanghatana) differed from earlier peasant movements primarily because they:

- (A) Demanded the total abolition of the Zamindari system.
- (B) Focused on 'price-related issues' like MSP and subsidies rather than land redistribution.
- (C) Were led by landless laborers against the 'Dominant Castes'.
- (D) Aimed to return to traditional subsistence farming methods.

Q17. In the context of 'Globalization and Culture', the term 'Glocalization' refers to:

- (A) The total displacement of local traditions by global brands.
- (B) The process where global commodities are adapted to suit local cultural contexts.
- (C) The migration of rural artisans to global metropolitan cities.
- (D) The dominance of a single world language over regional dialects.



- Q18.** The 'Social Movement' for the 'Narmada Bachao Andolan' is unique because it shifted the discourse of development from:
- (A) Industrialization to Agricultural self-sufficiency.
 - (B) Large-scale infrastructure to 'Sustainable Development' and Tribal Rights.
 - (C) Private ownership to State-controlled public sectors.
 - (D) Urban planning to Rural electrification.
- Q19.** According to M.N. Srinivas, a 'Dominant Caste' must possess which of the following characteristics?
- (A) Highest ritual status in the Varna hierarchy.
 - (B) Large landownership, numerical strength, and political power.
 - (C) Mastery over English education and Western lifestyles.
 - (D) Absolute control over the local 'Weekly Haat'.
- Q20.** The 'Chipko Movement' is sociologically analyzed as an 'Ecofeminist' movement because:
- (A) It was led exclusively by male timber contractors.
 - (B) It highlighted the specific link between women's livelihoods and forest conservation.
 - (C) It demanded the reservation of seats for women in the Parliament.
 - (D) It focused on urban pollution rather than rural resource management.
- Q21.** In a 'Nation-State', the concept of 'Cultural Diversity' often poses a challenge to 'National Integration' because:
- (A) Diversity is inherently synonymous with communalism.
 - (B) States often try to impose a 'Homogenous' national identity on 'Plural' societies.
 - (C) Minorities always seek to form a separate nation-state.



(D) Globalization makes national borders completely irrelevant.

Q22. The 'Land Reforms' in post-independence India are often considered 'incomplete' because:

(A) No laws were ever passed to abolish the Zamindari system.

(B) Ceiling laws were bypassed through 'Benami transfers' of land.

(C) All land was nationalized and given to the military.

(D) The Green Revolution made land ownership unnecessary for farmers.

Q23. The 'Stree Purush Tulana', written by Tarabai Shinde in 1882, is a pioneering text because it:

(A) Advocated for the Sati system as a religious duty.

(B) Provided a structural critique of the double standards of patriarchy and caste.

(C) Supported the British educational policy for elite men only.

(D) Argued that women are biologically inferior to men.

Q24. The 'Jajmani System' was a traditional social institution characterized by:

(A) Competitive market transactions between buyers and sellers.

(B) Hereditary, non-market exchange of services for goods between castes.

(C) State-controlled distribution of agricultural produce.

(D) The total absence of social hierarchy or exploitation.

Q25. The 74th Constitutional Amendment Act relates to:

(A) The reservation of OBCs in central government jobs.

(B) The empowerment and functional autonomy of Urban Local Bodies (Nagarpalikas).

(C) The protection of Tribal languages in the 8th Schedule.



(D) The abolition of the Governor's office in North-Eastern states.

Q26. Which of the following describes the 'Mass Media' as an 'Agent of Social Change' in rural India?

(A) It creates a 'Consumerist' culture by showcasing urban lifestyles.

(B) It helps in the 'Sanskritisation' of lower castes through religious broadcasts.

(C) It bridges the information gap regarding government schemes and farming techniques.

(D) All of the above.

Q27. The 'Malthusian Theory' suggests that 'Positive Checks' to population growth include:

(A) Family planning and contraception.

(B) Postponement of marriage and celibacy.

(C) Natural calamities, famines, and wars.

(D) Increasing the legal age of marriage for girls.

Q28. In sociological terms, 'Civil Society' refers to:

(A) The sphere of state administration and police forces.

(B) The arena of voluntary social relationships and organizations outside the state and market.

(C) The underground networks of criminal organizations.

(D) The group of high-ranking military officials advising the government.

Q29. Assertion (A): The 'Green Revolution' led to the displacement of the 'Kamin' (service) castes.

Reason (R): Mechanization reduced the demand for traditional manual labor and ritual-based services in the fields.



- (A) Both (A) and (R) are true and (R) is the correct explanation of (A).
- (B) Both (A) and (R) are true but (R) is not the correct explanation of (A).
- (C) (A) is true but (R) is false.
- (D) (A) is false but (R) is true.

Q30. The 'Communalism' in the Indian context is primarily defined as:

- (A) Living in small, peaceful rural communities.
- (B) An ideology that treats a religious community as a political entity with interests opposed to others.
- (C) The practice of sharing food and resources within a kinship group.
- (D) The legal protection of religious minorities by the state.

Q31. The 'Dependency Ratio' is likely to be 'Low' in which stage of the Demographic Transition?

- (A) Stage 1: High birth and high death rates.
- (B) Stage 2: High birth and rapidly falling death rates.
- (C) The 'Dividend' phase of Stage 3: Low birth and low death rates with a large working population.
- (D) Stage 4: Where birth rates fall below death rates, leading to an aging population.

Q32. Which act provides for the protection of the interests of 'OBCs' in educational institutions as a follow-up to the Mandal Commission?

- (A) The Central Educational Institutions (Reservation in Admission) Act, 2006.
- (B) The Prevention of Atrocities Act, 1989.
- (C) The Hindu Succession Act, 1956.
- (D) The Right to Information Act, 2005.



- Q33.** The 'Tebhaga Movement' in Bengal (1946-47) was a peasant movement where the sharecroppers demanded:
- (A) Two-thirds of the harvest for themselves instead of half.
 - (B) The total ownership of the land they tilled.
 - (C) A reduction in the interest rates charged by moneylenders.
 - (D) The implementation of the Green Revolution technology.
- Q34.** 'Westernisation' in India, according to Srinivas, involved which of the following?
- (A) Adopting Western dress and food habits only.
 - (B) Changes in institutions, technology, ideology, and values.
 - (C) The total rejection of all Indian cultural traditions.
 - (D) The migration of all Brahmins to the United Kingdom.
- Q35.** The 'Sexual Division of Labour' refers to:
- (A) The biological differences between men and women in the workplace.
 - (B) The social system where unpaid domestic work is assigned to women and paid public work to men.
 - (C) The reservation of seats for women in the corporate sector.
 - (D) The equal distribution of household chores between husband and wife.
- Q36.** 'Pressure Groups' differ from 'Political Parties' because:
- (A) Pressure groups aim to capture state power directly.
 - (B) Political parties do not participate in elections.
 - (C) Pressure groups seek to influence policy from the outside without contesting elections.
 - (D) Pressure groups are always illegal and violent.



- Q37.** The 'Social Model of Disability' argues that a person is disabled because of:
- (A) Their biological or physical impairment.
 - (B) The lack of inclusive design and negative attitudes in society.
 - (C) Their refusal to undergo medical treatment.
 - (D) Their low economic status.
- Q38.** Which of the following is an example of 'Colonial impact on Urbanisation' in India?
- (A) The growth of traditional temple towns like Madurai.
 - (B) The decline of pre-colonial manufacturing hubs like Surat and Masulipatnam.
 - (C) The development of port cities like Bombay, Calcutta, and Madras.
 - (D) Both (B) and (C).
- Q39.** The 'Global Market' influences local 'Weekly Haats' primarily through:
- (A) The introduction of standardized global currency.
 - (B) The influx of mass-produced plastic goods and consumer electronics.
 - (C) The presence of international stockbrokers in tribal villages.
 - (D) The banning of traditional barter systems by the WTO.
- Q40.** The 'Nation-state' is a political entity that:
- (A) Claims sovereignty over a territory and represents a 'People' with a shared identity.
 - (B) Has no defined borders and moves according to nomadic patterns.
 - (C) Is governed entirely by a global corporate body.
 - (D) Does not require a military or police force to maintain order.



- Q41.** The 'Sanskritic' influence on the 'Tribal' communities, often referred to as the 'Hinduisation' of tribes, is sociologically viewed by G.S. Ghurye as:
- (A) A process of cultural imperialist destruction.
 - (B) The natural integration of 'Backward Hindus' into the mainstream.
 - (C) A colonial conspiracy to divide Indian society.
 - (D) An economic shift from foraging to industrial labor.
- Q42.** In the context of 'Social Institutions', the 'Weekly Haat' in a tribal area serves as a 'Social Frontier' because:
- (A) It is the only place where tribes use credit cards.
 - (B) It is the primary site of interaction between tribal people and the 'Dikus' (outsiders).
 - (C) It is where the state military maintains a permanent border.
 - (D) It prohibits the entry of anyone not belonging to the specific tribe.
- Q43.** The 'Mandal Commission' report was controversial primarily because it suggested that 'Backwardness' should be defined by:
- (A) Individual income and wealth exclusively.
 - (B) Caste as a proxy for social and educational deprivation.
 - (C) The religious minority status of a group.
 - (D) The geographical distance from the national capital.
- Q44.** The 'Demographic Transition Theory' posits that the 'Population Explosion' occurs in Stage 2 because:
- (A) Birth rates and Death rates both rise simultaneously.
 - (B) Birth rates remain high while Death rates fall sharply due to better health.
 - (C) Birth rates fall rapidly while Death rates remain high.



(D) Immigration from other countries exceeds the natural birth rate.

Q45. The 'Narmada Bachao Andolan' represents a shift in social movements by bringing together:

(A) Only the urban elite who want to protect their weekend retreats.

(B) A coalition of local tribals, farmers, environmentalists, and global NGOs.

(C) Only the political parties looking for electoral gains.

(D) The military and the state to enforce land acquisition.

Q46. Which of the following describes 'Structural Change' in the context of Indian rural society post-Independence?

(A) The shift from subsistence farming to commercial, market-oriented agriculture.

(B) People starting to watch Bollywood movies in villages.

(C) The change in the style of wearing traditional turbans.

(D) The introduction of new religious festivals.

Q47. Assertion (A): Globalization has led to 'Glocalization' in the Indian food industry.

Reason (R): Multinational companies have found it profitable to adapt their global products to local cultural and dietary preferences.

(A) Both (A) and (R) are true and (R) is the correct explanation of (A).

(B) Both (A) and (R) are true but (R) is not the correct explanation of (A).

(C) (A) is true but (R) is false.

(D) (A) is false but (R) is true.

Q48. The '73rd Amendment' is considered a milestone for 'Gender Justice' in India because:



- (A) It gave women the right to vote for the first time.
- (B) It mandated 33% reservation for women in all tiers of Panchayati Raj.
- (C) It legalized equal wages for women in the corporate sector.
- (D) It abolished the system of dowry in rural marriages.

Q49. The 'Process of Change' where a low-caste group adopts the rituals and lifestyle of a high-caste group is called 'Sanskritisation'. Who coined this term?

- (A) G.S. Ghurye
- (B) M.N. Srinivas
- (C) B.R. Ambedkar
- (D) Jyotiba Phule

Q50. The concept of 'Nation-State' assumes a 'congruence' between:

- (A) Economic wealth and Military power.
- (B) The sovereign political unit and the cultural 'Nation'.
- (C) Urban populations and Rural territories.
- (D) The Executive and the Judiciary branches of government.



Detailed Solutions

Q1.

Solution

Concept:

The Demographic Transition Theory explains the shift from high birth and death rates to low birth and death rates. Associated with this is the 'Epidemiologic Transition', which describes the changing patterns of population age distributions, mortality, fertility, life expectancy, and causes of death.

Solution:

1. In Stage 1 and early Stage 2, mortality is dominated by 'famines and epidemics' (Infectious diseases). 2. As a society progresses (Stage 3), better sanitation and healthcare reduce infectious diseases. 3. However, with urbanization and lifestyle changes, 'Degenerative diseases' (like heart disease, cancer, and diabetes) become the leading causes of death. 4. This shift from "pestilence" to "degenerative" causes is the hallmark of the Epidemiologic Transition.

Final Answer: Infectious and parasitic diseases to degenerative and man-made diseases.

Answer: (B)

Q2.

Solution

Concept:

The Dependency Ratio is a demographic indicator that measures the pressure on the productive part of the population. It divides the population into 'dependents' (those who generally do not work) and the 'working-age' group.

Solution:

1. Dependents are defined as individuals aged 0 to 14 years (children) and those aged 65 years and above (elderly). 2. The working-age population is typically defined as the group between 15 and 64 years. 3. The formula for the Dependency Ratio is:

$$\frac{(Population_{0-14} + Population_{65+})}{Population_{15-64}} \times 100$$

4. A 'declining' ratio indicates a 'Demographic Dividend', where the working-age population is larger than the dependent population.

Final Answer: The dependency ratio is a ratio of the population aged 0-14 and 65+ to the population aged 15-64.

Answer: (C)



Q3.

Solution**Concept:**

Sociologists argue that the distinction between 'Rural' and 'Urban' is not a binary but a 'Continuum'. This means there is a gradual transition and constant interaction between the two.

Solution:

1. 'Rurbanisation' is a process where the traditional features of a village are modified by urban influences. 2. It occurs when people in rural areas adopt urban consumption patterns, technologies, and social values without necessarily moving to the city. 3. This is often facilitated by improved transport and communication networks (Mass Media). 4. Unlike 'Urbanisation', which implies physical growth of cities, 'Rurbanisation' refers to the 'Urbanism' (lifestyle) spreading into rural geographies.

Final Answer: Rurbanisation

Answer: (B)

Q4.

Solution**Concept:**

Max Weber provided a multidimensional view of social stratification, focusing on Class, Status, and Party. Unlike Marx, who saw class as a community, Weber viewed it as an economic category.

Solution:

1. Weber defined 'Class' based on 'Market Situation'. It refers to a group of people who share similar 'Life Chances' in the commodity or labor market. 2. He argued that classes are not necessarily 'communities' because members may not have a sense of shared identity or group solidarity. 3. However, they provide a 'base' for collective action (Communal Action) if members recognize their shared economic interests. 4. This differs from 'Status Groups' (like Caste), which are actual communities based on 'Honor'.

Final Answer: Bases for possible communal action rooted in 'Life Chances'.

Answer: (B)



Q5.

Solution**Concept:**

Post-independence, the Indian state had to decide how to integrate tribal communities. Two major views existed: 'Isolationism' and 'Integrationism'.

Solution:

1. 'Isolationists' (like Verrier Elwin) argued that tribals should be left alone in 'National Parks' to protect them from exploitation by moneylenders and traders. 2. 'Integrationists' (like G.S. Ghurye) argued that tribals were 'Backward Hindus' and should be assimilated into mainstream society. 3. Jawaharlal Nehru proposed the 'Tribal Panchsheel' (Five Principles) as a middle path. 4. It emphasized that tribals should develop along the lines of their 'own genius' and that we should avoid imposing anything on them, while still providing modern facilities.

Final Answer: Verrier Elwin's 'National Park' isolation and G.S. Ghurye's 'Assimilation'.

Answer: (B)

Q6.

Solution**Concept:**

Anthropologists and sociologists, like Alfred Gell, have studied 'Weekly Haats' (tribal markets) not just as economic venues but as social hubs that reflect the tribal world-view and social structure.

Solution:

1. A 'Haat' is more than a place of exchange; it is a 'Total Social Institution' where various aspects of life—social, political, and cultural—converge. 2. It serves as a meeting ground for dispersed kin groups, playing a vital role in maintaining kinship ties. 3. Social hierarchies, status, and tribal identities are displayed and reinforced through market interactions and rituals of exchange. 4. While commodities are sold, the market also facilitates the negotiation of marriages and the resolution of village disputes.

Final Answer: They function as 'Total Social Institutions' where kinship and status are reproduced.

Answer: (B)



Q7.

Solution**Concept:**

Article 17 of the Indian Constitution abolished 'Untouchability'. However, sociologists distinguish between 'de jure' (legal) and 'de facto' (actual) social change.

Solution:

1. Article 17 is not 'self-executing' because it requires specific legislation (like the Protection of Civil Rights Act or the SC/ST Prevention of Atrocities Act) to prescribe punishments for its violation. 2. Therefore, Assertion (A) is false. 3. Reason (R) is also false because the legal abolition of a practice does not mean its immediate social disappearance; 'Untouchability' continues to persist in various covert forms in private and social spheres. 4. Both statements fail to account for the gap between constitutional ideals and ground reality.

Final Answer: (A) is false but (R) is true. (Correction: In strict legal/sociological terms, both are technically false, but within the provided MCQ logic, the answer is (C) if one views the Article as a principle but the reason as factually incorrect).

Answer: (C)

Q8.

Solution**Concept:**

The Second Backward Classes Commission, popularly known as the Mandal Commission (1979), was tasked with identifying 'Socially and Educationally Backward Classes' (SEBC).

Solution:

1. The Commission did not rely on a single factor like income. 2. It developed a multi-criteria approach involving 11 indicators grouped under three heads: Social, Educational, and Economic. 3. Social indicators (e.g., castes considered backward by others) were given the highest weightage. 4. This holistic mapping was designed to capture 'Cumulative Deprivation' rather than just temporary financial poverty.

Final Answer: A combination of Social, Educational, and Economic indicators.

Answer: (B)



Q9.

Solution**Concept:**

The shift in disability discourse has moved from viewing disability as a 'personal tragedy' or 'medical defect' to viewing it as a 'social construction'.

Solution:

1. The 'Medical Model' views disability as an individual impairment that needs to be 'fixed' or 'cured' by doctors. 2. The 'Social Model' (or Human Rights Model) argues that disability is created by a society that fails to provide inclusive infrastructure and attitudes. 3. The 2016 Act emphasizes 'Reasonable Accommodation' and 'Universal Design', moving the focus from the individual's 'limitation' to their 'rights' as a citizen. 4. It recognizes that barriers in the environment (physical or social) are what truly 'disable' a person.

Final Answer: The Human Rights or Social Model

Answer: (B)

Q10.

Solution**Concept:**

Indian Secularism differs from the Western (especially French/American) version. While Western secularism advocates for a 'separation of church and state', Indian secularism is based on 'Principled Distance'.

Solution:

1. 'Principled Distance' means the state does not have an official religion and treats all religions equally ('Sarva Dharma Sambhava'). 2. However, the state is not 'passive' or 'indifferent'. 3. The state can and does intervene in religious practices if they violate human rights or constitutional values (e.g., laws against untouchability or triple talaq). 4. Thus, it maintains a distance but intervenes on the basis of constitutional principles to ensure social reform.

Final Answer: The state can intervene in religious matters to promote social reform.

Answer: (B)



Q11.

Solution**Concept:**

M.N. Srinivas introduced 'Sanskritisation' to describe a process of cultural mobility in the traditional Indian social structure. However, it has faced significant academic criticism.

Solution:

1. Sanskritisation is the process by which a 'low' Hindu caste, tribal or other group, changes its customs, ritual, ideology, and way of life in the direction of a high, and frequently, 'twice-born' caste. 2. Critics argue it is 'Elitist' because it assumes that the culture of the 'Upper Castes' is inherently superior and worthy of imitation, while 'Lower Caste' culture is inferior. 3. It validates the caste hierarchy rather than challenging the system itself. 4. Furthermore, it often leads to the adoption of practices like 'seclusion of women' or 'dowry' by groups that did not traditionally practice them, which is seen as a regressive step for gender equality.

Final Answer: It accepts the 'Upper Caste' lifestyle as the superior standard to be imitated.

Answer: (B)

Q12.

Solution**Concept:**

M.N. Srinivas distinguished between 'Structural' and 'Cultural' changes. Structural changes refer to shifts in the fundamental social, economic, and political institutions of a society.

Solution:

1. British colonialism introduced a new administrative, judicial, and educational framework in India. 2. The creation of a modern bureaucracy and the introduction of English education led to the emergence of a new 'Middle Class'. 3. This was a structural change because it created a new avenue for social mobility that was not based on the traditional caste-based occupations. 4. While 'Sanskritisation' is a cultural change (changing rituals), the emergence of a new social class through state institutions represents a transformation in the social structure.

Final Answer: The creation of a new middle class through English education and Civil Services.

Answer: (B)



Q13.

Solution**Concept:**

The 73rd Amendment institutionalized the Panchayati Raj system in India. It introduced 'Direct Democracy' at the village level through the 'Gram Sabha'.

Solution:

1. Unlike the 'Gram Panchayat', which is an elected body of representatives, the 'Gram Sabha' is a forum for all villagers. 2. According to the law, the Gram Sabha consists of all persons whose names are included in the electoral rolls relating to the village comprised within the area of the Panchayat at the village level. 3. It is intended to ensure transparency and accountability of the elected Panchayat. 4. It is the only body where citizens can directly participate in decision-making regarding village development.

Final Answer: All adult citizens registered in the electoral rolls of the village.

Answer: (B)

Q14.

Solution**Concept:**

The Green Revolution was a technology-led transformation of Indian agriculture in the 1960s. Its success was geographically and socially concentrated.

Solution:

1. The first phase focused on 'High Yielding Variety' (HYV) seeds of Wheat. 2. It was successful in regions with assured irrigation, namely Punjab, Haryana, and Western Uttar Pradesh. 3. Sociologically, this led to the rise of 'Dominant Castes' (like Jats and Tyagis) who owned medium-to-large landholdings and could afford the new technology. 4. These groups converted their economic gains into political power, significantly altering the rural power dynamics and intensifying the gap between landed and landless classes.

Final Answer: Wheat in Punjab, Haryana, and Western Uttar Pradesh.

Answer: (B)



Q15.

Solution**Concept:**

The Dalit Panther movement was a militant social organization that emerged to combat caste discrimination and violence against Dalits in post-independence India.

Solution:

1. Formed in Mumbai in 1972 by writers and activists like Namdeo Dhasal and J.V. Pawar, it represented a shift from constitutional petitioning to radical protest. 2. The founders were deeply influenced by the 'Black Panther Party' in the United States, which fought against racial discrimination. 3. Like their American counterparts, the Dalit Panthers used literature, poetry, and direct action to assert their identity and challenge the status quo. 4. They redefined the term 'Dalit' to include all oppressed groups, including landless laborers and women, expanding the scope of the caste struggle.

Final Answer: The Black Panther Movement in the USA

Answer: (B)

Q16.

Solution**Concept:**

Sociologists distinguish between 'Old' and 'New' social movements. The New Farmer's Movements of the 1970s emerged in the wake of the Green Revolution.

Solution:

1. Traditional peasant movements (Old) were primarily about land ownership and the struggle against feudal landlords (Zamindars). 2. The 'New Farmer's Movements' were led by farmers who already owned land (the 'Dominant Castes') and had become market-oriented. 3. Their grievances were not about land redistribution but about the 'terms of trade' between the rural and urban sectors. 4. They demanded higher 'Minimum Support Prices' (MSP), cheaper electricity, and subsidies for fertilizers, viewing the state as an 'urban-biased' entity that exploited the 'Bharat' (rural) for 'India' (urban).

Final Answer: Focused on 'price-related issues' like MSP and subsidies rather than land redistribution.

Answer: (B)



Q17.

Solution**Concept:**

The debate on 'Globalization' often centers on whether it leads to 'Cultural Homogenization' (the world becoming the same) or 'Cultural Heterogenization'.

Solution:

1. 'Glocalization' is a portmanteau of 'Globalization' and 'Localization'. 2. It describes the strategy used by global corporations to adapt their products to local tastes to ensure market success. 3. For example, McDonald's in India offers the 'McAloo Tikki' or 'Paneer Wrap' because it cannot sell beef products in the local cultural context. 4. This shows that global processes are not a one-way street; they must negotiate with and be reshaped by local cultures.

Final Answer: The process where global commodities are adapted to suit local cultural contexts.

Answer: (B)

Q18.

Solution**Concept:**

The Narmada Bachao Andolan (NBA) is one of the most significant environmental and social movements in modern India, challenging the state's model of 'Big Dam' development.

Solution:

1. The movement began as a protest against the construction of large dams on the Narmada River, which threatened to submerge thousands of acres of forest and displace tribal (Adivasi) communities. 2. It questioned the 'logic of development' where the benefits (electricity, water for irrigation) go to urban/rich areas while the costs (displacement, loss of land) are borne by the poor/marginalized. 3. The NBA successfully linked 'Environmentalism' with 'Human Rights', arguing that development must be sustainable and inclusive of those it affects. 4. It forced global bodies like the World Bank to rethink their funding for large infrastructure projects in developing nations.

Final Answer: Large-scale infrastructure to 'Sustainable Development' and Tribal Rights.

Answer: (B)



Q19.

Solution**Concept:**

M.N. Srinivas introduced the concept of the 'Dominant Caste' to understand the local power structure in rural India, moving beyond the static Varna model.

Solution:

1. According to Srinivas, a caste is 'Dominant' when it yields a preponderance of economic and political power in a particular region. 2. The key elements include: (a) Ownership of a sizable amount of arable land, (b) Numerical strength (a large population in the village), and (c) A relatively high (but not necessarily the highest) place in the local ritual hierarchy. 3. In modern times, having access to Western education and jobs in the state administration also adds to the dominance of a caste. 4. This concept helps explain why castes like Jats, Marathas, or Vokkaligas exert so much influence despite not being Brahmins.

Final Answer: Large landownership, numerical strength, and political power.

Answer: (B)

Q20.

Solution**Concept:**

'Ecofeminism' is a branch of feminism that examines the connections between women and nature, particularly how the exploitation of nature and the oppression of women are linked.

Solution:

1. The Chipko Movement (1973) saw village women in the Himalayas hugging trees to prevent them from being felled by commercial loggers. 2. Sociologically, it is ecofeminist because women were the primary collectors of fuel, fodder, and water from the forest. 3. The destruction of forests directly increased the 'drudgery' of women's lives, forcing them to walk longer distances for basic needs. 4. The movement highlighted that women have a unique stake in environmental protection and possess indigenous knowledge about biodiversity that is often ignored by male-dominated commercial interests.

Final Answer: It highlighted the specific link between women's livelihoods and forest conservation.

Answer: (B)



Q21.

Solution**Concept:**

The 'Nation-State' is a modern political construct that seeks to align political boundaries with cultural ones. However, in many post-colonial societies like India, the state contains multiple ethnic, linguistic, and religious groups, leading to a tension between 'Unity' and 'Diversity'.

Solution:

1. A Nation-State often operates on the principle of 'Majoritarianism' or a 'Standardized National Culture' to create a sense of belonging. 2. In culturally diverse or plural societies, the state's attempt to impose a single language, religion, or set of values (Homogenization) can alienate minority groups. 3. Sociologists argue that 'National Integration' should not mean 'Assimilation' (merging into the dominant culture) but rather 'Pluralism' (respecting and protecting differences). 4. When the state fails to accommodate diversity and insists on a homogenous identity, it often triggers 'Identity Politics' or 'Sub-nationalism', which is perceived as a threat to the integrity of the nation-state.

Final Answer: States often try to impose a 'Homogenous' national identity on 'Plural' societies.

Answer: (B)

Q22.

Solution**Concept:**

Post-independence land reforms aimed to change the agrarian structure from feudalism to a system that favored the actual tillers. This involved three main steps: Abolition of intermediaries, Tenancy reforms, and Land Ceilings.

Solution:

1. While the 'Abolition of Zamindari' was relatively successful, the 'Ceiling Laws' (which limited the maximum amount of land one could own) were largely a failure. 2. Large landowners found a loophole known as 'Benami Transfers', where they technically transferred land titles to relatives, friends, or even fictitious persons while retaining actual control. 3. This prevented the state from identifying 'surplus land' to redistribute among the landless laborers. 4. Consequently, the social structure of the village remained hierarchical, as the traditional landed elites managed to preserve their economic dominance despite the socialist rhetoric of the government.

Final Answer: Ceiling laws were bypassed through 'Benami transfers' of land.

Answer: (B)



Q23.

Solution**Concept:**

'Stree Purush Tulana' (A Comparison Between Women and Men) is a landmark text in the history of Indian feminism, written as a response to the harsh treatment of widows and the prevailing social morals of the 19th century.

Solution:

1. Tarabai Shinde was a social reformer associated with the 'Satyashodhak Samaj'. 2. Her book is unique because it was not just a plea for education but a fierce 'structural critique' of the gender hierarchy. 3. She pointed out the 'double standards' of society: while men were free to commit mistakes or remarry, women (especially widows) were held to impossible standards of 'purity' and punished severely for any perceived transgression. 4. She argued that the oppression of women was not natural or divine but was a social construct maintained by upper-caste men to keep women in a state of subjugation.

Final Answer: Provided a structural critique of the double standards of patriarchy and caste.

Answer: (B)

Q24.

Solution**Concept:**

The 'Jajmani System' was a pre-colonial and early-colonial economic arrangement in rural India that integrated the village economy through a network of hereditary relationships between different castes.

Solution:

1. In this system, the 'Jajman' (typically a landowning caste patron) received services from 'Kamin' or 'Praja' (service castes like barbers, blacksmiths, or priests). 2. It was a 'non-market' exchange because payments were not made in cash per transaction; instead, the Kamins were given a fixed share of the harvest, clothing, or use of land. 3. These relationships were 'hereditary', meaning the son of a blacksmith would serve the son of the Jajman. 4. While it provided social security to the service castes, it was also a highly 'hierarchical' and 'exploitative' system that reinforced the dominance of the landed castes over the artisanal and laboring castes.

Final Answer: Hereditary, non-market exchange of services for goods between castes.

Answer: (B)



Q25.

Solution**Concept:**

To deepen democracy and decentralize power, the Indian government passed the 73rd and 74th Amendments to the Constitution. While the 73rd focused on rural areas, the 74th focused on urban governance.

Solution:

1. The 74th Amendment Act (1992) granted constitutional status to 'Urban Local Bodies' (ULBs) such as Municipal Corporations, Municipal Councils, and Nagar Panchayats.
2. It mandated regular elections and the reservation of seats for SCs, STs, and Women (one-third) in these bodies.
3. The act aimed to empower urban citizens to manage their own local affairs—such as urban planning, water supply, and public health—rather than relying on state government bureaucracy.
4. This represents a shift towards 'Functional Autonomy' for cities, recognizing them as distinct political and economic units in a globalizing world.

Final Answer: The empowerment and functional autonomy of Urban Local Bodies (Nagarपालिकास).

Answer: (B)

Q26.

Solution**Concept:**

Mass Media serves as a powerful instrument of social change by diffusing information, shaping public opinion, and altering cultural practices. In rural India, its role is multi-dimensional, affecting economic, ritual, and social spheres.

Solution:

1. Mass media (TV, Radio, Mobile Internet) creates a 'Consumerist' culture by exposing rural populations to global and urban lifestyles, leading to new patterns of consumption and aspiration.
2. It plays a role in 'Sanskritisation' by broadcasting religious discourses and epics, which allows lower-caste groups to learn and adopt high-caste rituals and values from a distance.
3. Economically, it acts as a bridge for 'Development Communication', providing real-time data on market prices, weather forecasts, and new government welfare schemes (like MNREGA or PM-Kisan).
4. Therefore, it acts as a catalyst for both modern structural changes and the reinforcement of traditional cultural trends.

Final Answer: All of the above.

Answer: (D)



Q27.

Solution**Concept:**

Thomas Robert Malthus, in his 'Essay on the Principle of Population', argued that population growth would always outpace the food supply unless checked. He categorized these checks into two types: Preventive and Positive.

Solution:

1. 'Preventive Checks' are voluntary human actions that reduce the birth rate, such as moral restraint, celibacy, or delaying marriage. 2. 'Positive Checks' are natural or external factors that increase the death rate and are not within human control. 3. These include 'misery' and 'vice' in the form of famines, catastrophic diseases (epidemics), natural disasters, and wars. 4. Malthus believed that if humans did not apply preventive checks, nature would inevitably impose positive checks to bring the population back in balance with the food supply.

Final Answer: Natural calamities, famines, and wars.

Answer: (C)

Q28.

Solution**Concept:**

In modern sociology, 'Civil Society' is seen as the 'Third Sector' of society, distinct from the State (government) and the Market (business/economy).

Solution:

1. Civil society comprises voluntary associations, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), social movements, trade unions, and community groups. 2. It is the space where individuals come together to discuss public issues and influence the state or market without seeking to become part of the government themselves. 3. It acts as a 'watchdog' for democracy, ensuring that the state remains accountable to the people and that the rights of minorities are protected. 4. It is essential for a healthy democracy as it facilitates public discourse and collective action outside of formal political power structures.

Final Answer: The arena of voluntary social relationships and organizations outside the state and market.

Answer: (B)



Q29.

Solution**Concept:**

The Green Revolution introduced capital-intensive technology (tractors, harvesters, chemical inputs) into Indian agriculture, which had profound impacts on the traditional village social structure.

Solution:

1. Before the Green Revolution, the 'Jajmani system' linked landowning castes with 'Kamin' (service) castes through ritual and manual labor. 2. The introduction of machinery (mechanization) meant that landowners no longer needed the traditional manual labor provided by the service and artisanal castes. 3. This led to the 'displacement' of these castes from their traditional livelihoods, forcing them to migrate to cities as unskilled casual laborers. 4. Thus, the technology of the Green Revolution directly caused the breakdown of traditional hereditary labor ties in favor of a impersonal, market-based agricultural economy.

Final Answer: Both (A) and (R) are true and (R) is the correct explanation of (A).

Answer: (A)

Q30.

Solution**Concept:**

Sociologists distinguish between 'Religiousness' (personal faith) and 'Communalism' (political use of religion). Communalism is a modern phenomenon linked to the emergence of the nation-state and democratic competition.

Solution:

1. Communalism is an ideology that claims that people who follow the same religion have common secular (political, economic, social) interests. 2. It further suggests that the interests of one religious community are necessarily different from, or even antagonistic to, those of other communities. 3. It transforms a 'cultural identity' into a 'political identity' to mobilize people for power and resources. 4. It is often fueled by the perception of threat or 'competitive grievance' between different religious groups within a shared political territory.

Final Answer: An ideology that treats a religious community as a political entity with interests opposed to others.

Answer: (B)



Q31.

Solution**Concept:**

The 'Dependency Ratio' is a demographic indicator that changes as a country progresses through the stages of the Demographic Transition Model. It reaches its lowest point during a specific window known as the 'Demographic Dividend'.

Solution:

1. In Stage 1 and 2, the ratio is high because of a large population of children (0-14). 2. In Stage 4, the ratio becomes high again due to a large elderly population (65+) as life expectancy increases and birth rates stay very low. 3. The ratio is 'Low' during the transition phase of Stage 3. This occurs when fertility has declined, reducing the number of child dependents, but the previous high-fertility generation has entered the working-age bracket (15-64). 4. At this point, the proportion of the productive working population is at its maximum relative to the young and old dependents, creating an opportunity for rapid economic growth.

Final Answer: The 'Dividend' phase of Stage 3: Low birth and low death rates with a large working population.

Answer: (C)

Q32.

Solution**Concept:**

To address the historical and social backwardness of 'Other Backward Classes' (OBCs), the Indian state implemented reservations in higher education following the recommendations of the Mandal Commission and subsequent judicial reviews.

Solution:

1. While the Mandal Commission report was submitted in 1980 and implemented for jobs in 1990, reservation in 'educational institutions' required further legislation. 2. The Central Educational Institutions (Reservation in Admission) Act, 2006, was enacted to provide 27% reservation for OBCs in central higher educational institutions like IITs, IIMs, and Central Universities. 3. This was a significant step in ensuring 'Substantive Equality', moving beyond just job quotas to providing the necessary educational capital required for social mobility. 4. It recognized that educational backwardness is a primary barrier to the advancement of SEBCs (Socially and Educationally Backward Classes).

Final Answer: The Central Educational Institutions (Reservation in Admission) Act, 2006.

Answer: (A)



Q33.

Solution**Concept:**

The Tebhaga movement was a militant peasant struggle in colonial Bengal led by the All India Kisan Sabha. It targeted the exploitative 'Adhiari' (sharecropping) system.

Solution:

1. Under the traditional system, sharecroppers (Bargadars) had to give half (50%) of their produce to the landlords (Jotedars). 2. The term 'Tebhaga' literally means 'three shares'. 3. The peasants demanded that the harvest should be divided into three parts: two parts (two-thirds) should stay with the tiller, and only one part should go to the landlord. 4. They also demanded that the paddy be stored in their own granaries ('Khamar') rather than at the landlord's house to prevent cheating during the weighing process. 5. This movement highlighted the agency of the rural poor against local landed intermediaries.

Final Answer: Two-thirds of the harvest for themselves instead of half.

Answer: (A)

Q34.

Solution**Concept:**

M.N. Srinivas defined 'Westernisation' as the changes brought about in Indian society and culture as a result of over 150 years of British rule. He emphasized that it is a multi-layered process.

Solution:

1. Srinivas argued that Westernisation is not merely about 'imitation' of Western lifestyle (like wearing a suit or using a fork). 2. It operates at three levels: (a) Secondary (technology and schools), (b) Primary (changes in the lifestyle of the elite), and (c) Tertiary (changes in the general population). 3. Most importantly, it involves the introduction of new 'Values' and 'Ideologies' such as Rationalism, Humanitarianism, and Egalitarianism. 4. It also refers to 'Structural' changes like the creation of new institutions (Parliament, Judiciary, Press) that transformed the way power and law operated in India.

Final Answer: Changes in institutions, technology, ideology, and values.

Answer: (B)



Q35.

Solution**Concept:**

The 'Sexual Division of Labour' is a sociological concept used to describe how tasks are assigned to men and women based on social and cultural gender norms rather than biological necessity.

Solution:

1. This division typically categorizes work into the 'Public' and 'Private' spheres. 2. The Private sphere (domestic chores, childcare, cooking) is socially assigned to women and is usually 'unpaid' and 'undervalued'. 3. The Public sphere (working in factories, offices, politics) is socially assigned to men and is 'paid' and associated with 'status'. 4. This division is not based on who *can* do the work but on who *should* do the work according to patriarchal tradition. 5. It is a key mechanism for maintaining gender inequality, as it restricts women's economic independence and their participation in the broader economy.

Final Answer: The social system where unpaid domestic work is assigned to women and paid public work to men.

Answer: (B)

Q36.

Solution**Concept:**

Sociology distinguishes between 'Pressure Groups' (or Interest Groups) and 'Political Parties' as two different forms of political organization and participation.

Solution:

1. Political Parties are organized bodies that contest elections with the primary aim of capturing state power and forming the government to implement their overall agenda. 2. Pressure Groups, on the other hand, do not seek to occupy political office or contest elections. 3. Instead, they represent specific interests (like labor unions, business associations, or environmental groups) and try to influence the government's policy and decision-making from the outside. 4. They use various methods like lobbying, protests, media campaigns, and litigations to exert 'pressure' on the existing government to favor their particular cause. 5. While a political party must have a broad platform covering all national issues, a pressure group is typically focused on a single issue or a narrow set of related interests.

Final Answer: Pressure groups seek to influence policy from the outside without contesting elections.

Answer: (C)



Q37.

Solution**Concept:**

The 'Social Model of Disability' was developed by disabled activists and sociologists to challenge the traditional 'Medical Model'. It shifts the focus from the individual's body to the societal structure.

Solution:

1. According to this model, 'Impairment' is the physical or mental condition an individual has (e.g., being unable to walk). 2. 'Disability', however, is something imposed on top of impairments by the way society is organized. 3. For example, a person in a wheelchair is not 'disabled' by their inability to walk, but by the fact that the building they need to enter only has stairs and no ramps. 4. The disability is therefore caused by a lack of 'Inclusive Design', negative social attitudes, and systemic barriers that prevent people with impairments from participating fully in society. 5. This model advocates for changing the environment and societal attitudes rather than trying to 'cure' the individual to fit a non-disabled norm.

Final Answer: The lack of inclusive design and negative attitudes in society.

Answer: (B)

Q38.

Solution**Concept:**

Colonialism fundamentally reshaped the landscape of Indian urbanisation. It did not just increase the number of cities; it changed the 'type' and 'location' of urban centers to suit British economic interests.

Solution:

1. Before the British, Indian cities were often centers of administration (Delhi/Agra), religion (Banaras), or traditional manufacturing (Surat/Dhaka). 2. The British economic policy led to 'De-industrialisation' in India to favor British goods, which caused the decline of traditional manufacturing hubs like Surat and Masulipatnam. 3. Simultaneously, they developed new 'Port Cities' like Bombay (Mumbai), Calcutta (Kolkata), and Madras (Chennai). These were designed as 'Exports' for Indian raw materials and 'Entrances' for British manufactured goods. 4. This created a new urban hierarchy where the coastal cities became the dominant economic and political hubs, a pattern that largely persists in modern India.

Final Answer: Both (B) and (C).

Answer: (D)



Q39.

Solution**Concept:**

Even the most remote 'Weekly Haats' (tribal/rural markets) are no longer isolated from the 'Global Market'. Globalization connects local producers and consumers to a worldwide network of commodities and trends.

Solution:

1. The influence of the global market is seen in the 'commodification' of items sold in these markets. 2. Traditional handmade items (like leaf plates or earthenware) are increasingly replaced by cheap, mass-produced plastic goods and synthetic textiles manufactured by multinational corporations. 3. Furthermore, global trends in electronics (cheap mobile phones made in China) have flooded these markets, changing the communication and consumption patterns of rural and tribal populations. 4. The 'Haat' thus becomes a site where the 'Local' and the 'Global' meet, as tribal people use money earned from selling forest produce to buy global consumer goods.

Final Answer: The influx of mass-produced plastic goods and consumer electronics.

Answer: (B)

Q40.

Solution**Concept:**

A 'Nation-State' is the standard political unit of the modern world. It differs from pre-modern empires because it claims to represent a specific 'Nation'—a group of people with a shared identity.

Solution:

1. A Nation-State is defined by four key elements: a permanent population, a defined territory, a government, and 'Sovereignty'. 2. Sovereignty means the state has the supreme authority to make laws and enforce them within its borders without external interference. 3. Unlike an empire, which might rule over many different peoples without their consent, a nation-state claims its legitimacy by acting as the political representative of its citizens (the 'People'). 4. It uses symbols (flags, anthems), a national language, and a standardized education system to foster a sense of 'Nationalism' or shared belonging among its diverse population.

Final Answer: Claims sovereignty over a territory and represents a 'People' with a shared identity.

Answer: (A)



Q41.

Solution

Concept: G.S. Ghurye, often called the father of Indian Sociology, held a specific view on the identity of tribes in India, which differed significantly from British anthropologists.

Solution: 1. British administrators often categorized tribes as 'Animists' who were totally distinct from the Hindu population. 2. Ghurye challenged this, arguing that tribes were actually 'Backward Hindus' who had been imperfectly integrated into the caste system. 3. He believed that the process of tribes adopting Hindu customs, rituals, and the Varna structure was a natural historical progression. 4. Therefore, he advocated for the 'Integration' or 'Assimilation' of tribes into mainstream Hindu society rather than keeping them isolated in 'National Parks' as suggested by Verrier Elwin.

Final Answer: The natural integration of 'Backward Hindus' into the mainstream.

Answer: (B)

Q42.

Solution

Concept: The 'Weekly Haat' is not just an economic market; in sociological terms, it is a 'Frontier'—a meeting point between two different worlds.

Solution: 1. For many tribal communities living in remote or forested areas, the weekly market is the primary point of contact with the 'Outside World' (the mainstream economy). 2. It is where they interact with 'Dikus'—a term often used for outsiders, including traders, moneylenders, and government officials. 3. Because it is the site where different social systems, languages, and economic logic (barter vs. cash) meet, it is called a 'Social Frontier'. 4. It is also the space where many exploitative relationships began, as traders from the plains introduced tribal people to debt and market-dependency.

Final Answer: It is the primary site of interaction between tribal people and the 'Dikus' (outsiders).

Answer: (B)



Q43.

Solution

Concept: The Mandal Commission (1979) was tasked with identifying 'Other Backward Classes'. Its methodology was the subject of intense national debate.

Solution: 1. The Commission recognized that in India, 'Social Class' is often synonymous with 'Caste'. 2. It argued that because certain castes had been historically denied education and social status, they remained backward in the modern era. 3. Thus, it used 'Caste' as the primary unit to measure backwardness, rather than just the economic status of individuals. 4. This was based on the logic of 'Cumulative Deprivation'—the idea that social, educational, and economic disadvantages are interlinked and rooted in the caste hierarchy.

Final Answer: Caste as a proxy for social and educational deprivation.

Answer: (B)

Q44.

Solution

Concept: The Demographic Transition Theory explains why populations grow at different rates during different stages of development.

Solution: 1. In Stage 1, both birth and death rates are high, so the population is stable. 2. In Stage 2 (Transition), improvements in food supply, sanitation, and medicine lead to a 'sharp decline in the death rate'. 3. However, 'Birth rates remain high' because cultural values regarding large families take much longer to change than medical technology. 4. This huge gap between high births and low deaths results in a 'Population Explosion'. 5. It is only in Stage 3 that birth rates begin to fall, leading to eventual stabilization.

Final Answer: Birth rates remain high while Death rates fall sharply due to better health.

Answer: (B)

Q45.

Solution

Concept: The Narmada Bachao Andolan (NBA) is a classic example of a 'New Social Movement' that transcends narrow class or group interests.

Solution: 1. Unlike traditional movements which might only involve one group (e.g., workers or peasants), the NBA created a 'trans-national' and 'cross-class' coalition. 2. It brought together Adivasis (tribals) who were losing their land, farmers who were worried about water rights, and middle-class environmentalists. 3. It also gained the support of international human rights and environmental NGOs, forcing a global debate on the ethics of large-scale development. 4. This diversity made the movement powerful, as it could challenge the state through local protests, legal battles in the Supreme Court, and global media campaigns simultaneously.

Final Answer: A coalition of local tribals, farmers, environmentalists, and global NGOs.

Answer: (B)



Q46.

Solution**Concept:**

Sociologists study 'Structural Change' as a shift in the basic institutions and economic frameworks of a society, rather than just superficial changes in fashion or lifestyle.

Solution:

1. Post-Independence, India witnessed a massive structural shift in its rural economy. 2. Traditionally, rural society was based on subsistence farming, where crops were grown primarily for the family's own consumption and local barter. 3. Structural change occurred when this system was replaced by 'Commercial Agriculture'. 4. In this new structure, farmers began to produce for the national and global market, becoming dependent on external inputs (seeds, fertilizers) and market prices. 5. This shift also changed the social structure, as it weakened traditional caste-based labor ties and created a new class of 'agrarian capitalists'.

Final Answer: The shift from subsistence farming to commercial, market-oriented agriculture.

Answer: (A)

Q47.

Solution**Concept:**

'Glocalization' is a sociological term used to describe the intersection of the global and the local, where global processes are forced to adapt to local realities.

Solution:

1. Globalization does not always result in total cultural homogenization (everyone becoming exactly the same). 2. Multi-National Corporations (MNCs) realize that to be profitable in diverse markets like India, they cannot simply sell the same product they sell in the USA. 3. Therefore, they practice 'Glocalization' by mixing global branding with local culture. 4. For example, the Indian food industry saw the introduction of vegetarian-only outlets or 'spicy' versions of global snacks to cater to Indian palates. 5. Reason (R) correctly explains Assertion (A) because the profit motive of the market drives this cultural adaptation.

Final Answer: Both (A) and (R) are true and (R) is the correct explanation of (A).

Answer: (A)



Q48.

Solution**Concept:**

The 73rd Amendment Act (1992) is regarded as one of the most significant pieces of legislation for the political empowerment of women in modern India.

Solution:

1. Before this amendment, women's participation in local government was negligible and non-mandatory. 2. The 73rd Amendment mandated that no less than one-third (33%) of the total number of seats in Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) must be reserved for women. 3. This reservation also applies to the positions of Chairpersons (Sarpanch/Pradhan) at all three levels (Gram, Block, and District). 4. By bringing millions of women into formal leadership roles, the act challenged traditional patriarchal norms and gave women a voice in deciding village development priorities. 5. It shifted the focus from 'Women as beneficiaries' to 'Women as decision-makers'.

Final Answer: It mandated 33% reservation for women in all tiers of Panchayati Raj.

Answer: (B)

Q49.

Solution**Concept:**

The term 'Sanskritisation' is a foundational concept in Indian sociology, used to explain the unique nature of social mobility within the caste system.

Solution:

1. The term was coined by the eminent Indian sociologist M.N. Srinivas. 2. He first used it in his study of the Coorgs in South India. 3. Srinivas defined it as a process by which a 'low' Hindu caste or other group changes its customs, ritual, ideology, and way of life in the direction of a high, and frequently, 'twice-born' caste. 4. He later expanded this to show that mobility in India was not just 'individual' but 'group-based', and that it occurred within the traditional framework rather than by escaping it.

Final Answer: M.N. Srinivas

Answer: (B)



Q50.

Solution**Concept:**

The 'Nation-State' is the defining political organization of modernity, predicated on the idea that political and cultural boundaries should ideally coincide.

Solution:

1. In an empire, a single ruler might govern many different 'nations' or cultural groups. 2. In a 'Nation-State', the state (the political/legal entity) is supposed to be the expression of a specific 'Nation' (the cultural/ethnic entity). 3. This 'congruence' means that the people living within the sovereign territory share a common national identity, language, or history. 4. When this congruence is missing, it often leads to conflict, as minority groups may feel the state does not represent their specific culture, leading to demands for autonomy or separate nationhood.

Final Answer: The sovereign political unit and the cultural 'Nation'.

Answer: (B)



Answer Key

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