SOCIOLOGY (039) Sample Question Paper (Term I) 2021-22 Class -XII

Time: 90 minutes Max. Marks: 40

General Instructions:

- 1. The paper is divided into 3 sections.
- 2. Section A has 24 questions. Attempt any 20 questions.
- 3. Section B has 24 questions. Attempt any 20 questions.
- 4. Section C has 12 questions. Attempt any 10 questions.
- 5. All questions carry equal marks.
- 6. There is no negative marking.

	SECTION - A		
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	does not hold true in this context.		
	a) Malnutrition		
	b) Frequent childbirth		
	c) Inadequate immunisation		
	d) High socio-economic status		
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	a) Low level of economic development can lead to population explosion.		
	b) It happens due to high birth rate and low death rate.		
	c) It takes longer for society to alter reproductive behaviour.		
	d) Reduced fertility rate		
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	1.6 billion by 2050. This happens due to-		
	a) Population momentum		
	b) Population explosion		
	c) Population policy		
	d) National Health Policy		
4.	Ageing population implies-		
	a) Low dependency ratio		
	b) High dependency ratio		
	c) Window of economic opportunity		
	d) High death rate		
5.	Which of the following factors is not responsible for the caste system to become		
	invisible for the upper caste, urban middle and upper classes in the contemporary period?		
	a) Subsidised public education		
	b) Expansion of state sector jobs after independence		
	c) opportunities offered by rapid development		
	d) no inherited educational or economic capital		
6.	The newly married couple stays with the groom's parents. Which form of family is		
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	it is a socio-cultural phenomenon.		
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	c) Life expectancy
	d) Dependency ratio
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	c) general public welfare
	d) Preventing disintegration of joint families
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	b) Caste is hierarchical system.
	c) Occupational choices are open.
	d) There are restrictions on food sharing.
11.	How did the British try to understand the complexity of caste system?
	a) Interview
	b) Survey
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	d) Untouchability
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	b) Scheduled Tribes
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	b) Prejudice
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Reason: Adopting the ritual, domestic and social practices of a caste (or castes) of higher status raises the social status of the members of middle or lower castes. 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) Both A and R are false. d) A is true and R is false. Among the Khasis, the family is-36. a) Patrilocal b) Matrilocal c) Avunculocal d) neolocal Which of the statements is not true for the Khasi tribes? a) Khasi matriliny generates intense role conflict for men. b) Women possess only token authority in Khasi society. c) Men are more adversely affected than the women by the role conflict among Khasis. d) The system is weighted in favour of male matri-kin rather than male patri-kin. Which of the following is not true about the intervention of the colonial state and its 38. impact on the institution of caste? a) land revenue settlements and related arrangements and laws gave legal recognition to the customary (caste-based) rights of the upper castes. b) Large scale irrigation schemes like the ones in the Punjab were accompanied by efforts to settle populations there, and these also had a caste dimension. c) Colonial state did not work for the welfare of the downtrodden. d) Direct attempt to count caste and to officially record caste status changed the institution itself. Soviet Union explicitly recognised that the peoples it governed were of different 39. 'nations'; the population of 'non-resident' Jamaicans exceeds that of 'resident' Jamaicans; Jewish Americans may be citizens of Israel as well as the USA; which of the following do the given examples signify? a) Nations are easy to define and hard to describe. b) States are difficult to define. c) Nations are easy to describe and hard to define. d) states cannot be described. Assertion: Most states feared that the recognition of cultural diversity would lead to social fragmentation and prevent the creation of a harmonious society. Reason: Accommodating these differences is not challenging. 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 and R is false. d) A is false and R is true. Parsis or Sikhs are examples of anomalous minority groups because of which of the following reasons? a) They are religious minorities and economically well-off. b) They are not politically vulnerable. c) They do not need any special protection because of their demographic dominance. d) They do not face any risk from majority community. 42. Which of the following factors is not responsible for generating plurality of groups? a) Large-scale migration a) Modern capitalism b) Colonialism d) Assimilation and integration Choose the incorrect statement about communalism.





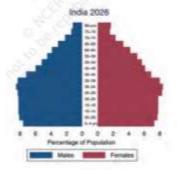
- a) Communalism is about politics not about religion.
- b) It cultivates an aggressive political identity.
- c) It is a recurrent source of tension and violence.
- d) A communalist is always a devout person.
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- 45. Prolonged experience of discriminatory or insulting behaviour often produces a reaction on the part of the excluded who then stop trying for inclusion. In this context choose the incorrect statement.
 - a) Dalits may build their own temple
 - b) convert to another religion
 - c) social exclusion is voluntary
 - d) they may no longer desire to be included in the Hindu temple or religious events
- 46. The Independence of India in 1947 should have made life easier for adivasis but this was not the case. This is because of
 - a) Internal colonialism
 - b) British rule
 - c) Incompetency of tribal groups
 - d) Lack of unity among tribal groups
- 47. State action alone cannot ensure social change for the Dalits. There are many other ways to bring about social change. Which of the following is not the correct option in this context?
 - a) Political organisation
 - b) contributions to literature
 - c) people's movements
 - d) Legislations only
- 48. A South American proverb says "If hard labour were really such a good thing, the rich would keep it all for themselves!" What does this proverb imply?
 - a) Presence of social inclusion
 - b) Presence of equality
 - c) Presence of social stratification
 - d) Presence of homogeneity

SECTION-C

Read the given image and answer question 49, 50 and 51.



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- 49. When does the bottom of a population pyramid become narrow?
 - a) Increase in birth rate
 - b) decrease in birth rate
 - c) High life expectancy



d) High fertility rate 50. Which kind of society is depicted in this pyramid? a) Developing b) Developed c) Underdeveloped d) Primitive 51. This pyramid does not indicate which of the following? a) Demographic dividend b) Low dependency ratio c) Relatively low death rate d) High birth rate (For Visually Impaired candidates) Read the following passage and answer question 49, 50 and 51. Several factors may be held responsible for the decline in the child sex ratio, including severe neglect of girl babies in infancy, leading to higher death rates: sex-specific abortions that prevent girl babies from being born; and female infanticide (or the killing of girl babies due to religious or cultural beliefs). Each of these reasons point to a serious social problem, and there is some evidence that all of these have been at work in India. Practices of female infanticide have been known to exist in many regions, while increasing importance is being attached to modern medical techniques by which the sex of the baby can be determined in the very early stages of pregnancy. The availability of the sonogram (an x-ray like diagnostic device based on ultra-sound technology), originally developed to identify genetic or other disorders in the foetus, are used to identify and selectively abort female foetuses. The regional pattern of low child sex ratios seems to support this argument. It is striking that the lowest child sex ratios are found in the most prosperous regions of India. 49 The problem of sex-selective abortion is due to which of the followinga) Poverty b) Preference for male child c) Dowry payments d) Cost of education 50. In the long run, the solution to the problem of sex-selective abortion lies in a) Stricter laws only b) Severe punishment c) Abstaining from having children d) Change in social attitudes 51. Which of the following is not a reason for son preference? a) Old age insurance b) Carrying ahead family line c) Economic security d) Increasing number of nuclear families Read the following passage and answer question 52, 53 and 54. The present study...deals with a Muslim biradri (community) called the Multani Lohars. ... Karkhanedar is a vernacular term used for a person engaged in the business of manufacturing of which he is generally the owner...The karkhanas under study operate in domestic conditions and, therefore, have certain pervasive effects on the life of the karkhanedars who work in them. ...The following case illustrates this. Mahmood, aged forty years, was living with his two younger brothers, one of whom was married. He had three children and was the head of the complex household. ... All the three brothers were employed in various karkhanas and factories as skilled workers. Mahmood successfully fabricated replica of a motor part the import of which had been banned. This greatly encouraged him to start his own karkhana...Later it was decided that two



karkhanas should be set up to manufacture the motor part. One was to be owned by the two elder brothers, and the other by the youngest, provided he set up a separate household. Rasheed set up an independent household, consisting of his wife and unmarried children. Therefore, one complex household, comprising three married brothers, gave birth to a simple household as a result of new entrepreneurial opportunities. Excerpted from S.M. Akram Rizvi, 'Kinship and Industry among the Muslim Karkhanedars in Delhi', in Imtiaz Ahmad, ed. Family, Kinship and Marriage among Muslims in India, New Delhi, Manohar, 1976, pp. 27-52. The given case states that the family type isa) Matriarchal b) Patriarchal c) Matrilocal d) Neolocal 53. Along with family structures, which of the following has not undergone change? a) Cultural ideas b) Norms c) Values d) Hierarchical stratification in society 54. As per the given passage, a complex household implies which of the following? a) A household with more than one family b) A household with no clear authority figure c) A household with egalitarian decision making d) A household with no married couples Read the following passage and answer question 55, 56 and 57. Strictly speaking, the 'untouchable' castes are outside the caste hierarchy - they are considered to be so 'impure' that their mere touch severely pollutes members of all other castes, bringing terrible punishment for the former and forcing the latter to perform elaborate purification rituals. In fact, notions of 'distance pollution' existed in many regions of India (particularly in the south) such that even the mere presence or the shadow of an 'untouchable' person is considered polluting. Despite the limited literal meaning of the word, the institution of 'untouchability' refers not just to the avoidance or prohibition of physical contact but to a much broader set of social sanctions. Which of the following is not such a sanction? a) prohibition from sharing drinking water sources b) participating in collective religious worship c) wearing clean clothes d) imposition of gestures of deference 56. The names used to refer to untouchables are all almost alwaysa) derogatory b) respectful c) neutral d) loaded with a positive charge As per the understanding of distance pollution from the given passage, which of 57. the following qualify as sources of distance pollution? I. Mere presence II. Shadow III. Pollution associated with women during menstruation IV. Ceremonial pollution associated with death a) I., II. b) II., III. c) III., IV. d) I.. IV Read the following passage and answer question 58, 59 and 60.





	Another set of complications is created by the tension between the Indian state's simultaneous commitment to secularism as well as the protection of minorities. The protection of minorities requires that they be given special consideration in a context where the normal working of the political system places them at a disadvantage vis-à-vis the majority community. But providing such protection immediately invites the accusation of favouritism or 'appeasement' of minorities. Opponents argue that secularism of this sort is only an excuse to favour the minorities in return for their votes or other kinds of support. Supporters argue that without such special protection, secularism can turn into an excuse for imposing the majority community's values and norms on the minorities.
58.	As per the given passage, which of the following is true for India? a) It follows the western definition of secularism b) It has nothing to do with the western definition of secularism c) It uses the western meaning of secularism and also involves other meanings d) Religion is not at all associated with political power
59.	The complication mentioned in the passage is not due to- a) difficulty created by the tension between the western sense of the state maintaining a distance from all religions and the Indian sense of the state giving equal respect to all religions b) perceived need to protect the minorities c) accusation of favouritism d) authoritarian state
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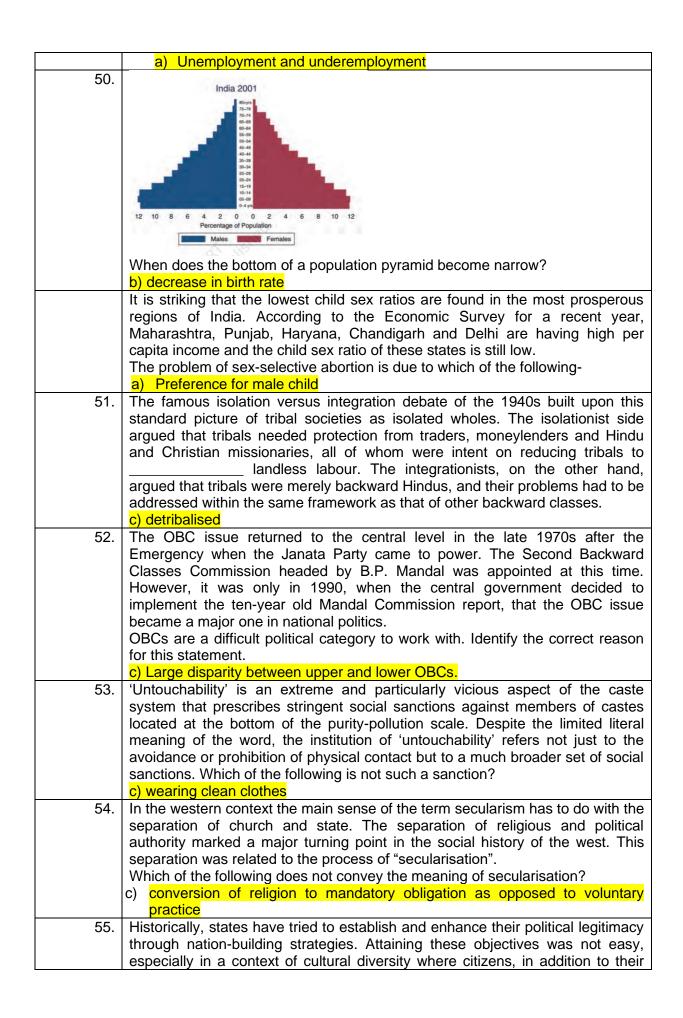
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identifications with their country, might also feel a strong sense of identity with their community - ethnic, religious, linguistic and so on. Two nation-building strategies used werec) Assimilation and integration 56. TABLE 2: AGE COMPOSITION OF THE POPULATION OF INDIA, 1961-2026 Age Groups 0-14 Years 15-59 Years 1961 53 1971 42 53 100 40 0 1981 100 54 100 1991 56 2001 100 Read the given table and answer the following question. As per the data given for year 1961 to 2026, which of the following statement is true? c) Increase in working population. Mass transit and mass communication are bridging the gap between the rural and urban areas. Even in the past, the rural areas were never really beyond the reach of market forces and today they are being more closely integrated into the consumer market. The town or city has been acting as a magnet for the rural population. This is because of which of the following? a) Decline in common property resources in rural areas 57. To diehards who have developed a kind of fanaticism against minority protection I would like to say two things. One is that minorities are an explosive force which, if it erupts, can blow up the whole fabric of the state. The history of Europe bears ample and appalling testimony to this fact. The other is that the minorities in India have agreed to place their existence in the hands of the majority. Identify the articles that have to do with minorities and cultural divesity. c) Article 29 and 30 58. Some communities were characterised as 'martial races', some others as effeminate or cowardly, yet others as untrustworthy. In both English and Indian fictional writings, we often encounter an entire group of people classified as 'lazy' or 'cunning'. It may indeed be true that some individuals are sometimes lazy or cunning, brave or cowardly. But such a general statement is true of individuals in every group. Even for such individuals, it is not true all the time the same individual may be both lazy and hardworking at different times. This indicates to which phenomenon? b) Stereotypes 59. Two broad sets of issues have been most important in giving rise to tribal movements. These are issues relating to control over vital economic resources like land and specially forests, and issues relating to matters of ethnic-cultural identity. The two can often go together, but with differentiation of tribal society they may also diverge. Assertions of tribal identity are on the rise. What is the reason for this? a) emergence of a middle class 60. The land reforms took away rights from the erstwhile claimants, the upper castes who were 'absentee landlords' in the sense that they played no part in the agricultural economy other than claiming their rent. They frequently did not live in the village either, but were based in towns and cities. These land rights





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d) Only III



