

Contribution of Western and Indian Sociologists

EXERCISE [PAGES 20 - 21]

Exercise | Q 1. (A) (1) | Page 20

Complete the following statement by choosing the correct alternative and rewrite it.

The Industrial Revolution took place in _____.

1. North America
2. Europe
3. Australia

Solution: The Industrial Revolution took place in Europe.

Exercise | Q 1.(A) (2) | Page 20

Complete the following statement by choosing the correct alternative and rewrite it.

Science is based on _____.

1. beliefs
2. facts
3. guess work

Solution: Science is based on facts.

Exercise | Q 1.(A) (3) | Page 20

Complete the following statement by choosing the correct alternative and rewrite it.

Significant work has been done on kinship organisation in India, by female sociologist _____.

1. Iravati Karve
2. Suma Chitnis
3. Neera Desai

Solution: Significant work has been done on kinship organisation in India, by female sociologist Iravati Karve.

Exercise | Q 1.(A) (4) | Page 20



Complete the following statement by choosing the correct alternative and rewrite it.

The _____ stage of societal growth is characterised by explanations which are abstract but not God-centered.

1. Theological
2. Metaphysical
3. Positive

Solution: The **Metaphysical** stage of societal growth is characterised by explanations which are abstract but not God-centered.

Exercise | Q 1. (B) (1) | Page 21

Correct the incorrect pair and rewrite it.

1. Abdul Rahman Ibn-Khaldun - North Africa
2. Auguste Comte - France
3. Harriet Martineau - England
4. Karl Marx - Russia

Solution: Karl Marx - Germany

Exercise | Q 1. (C) (1) | Page 21

Identify the appropriate term from the given options and rewrite it against the given statement.

Marx argues that classes will become hostile towards each other.

1. Polarization
2. M. N. Srinivas
3. R. N. Mukherjee

Solution: Marx argues that classes will become hostile towards each other.

- Polarization

Exercise | Q 1. (C) (2) | Page 21

Identify the appropriate term from the given options and rewrite it against the given statement.

The Indian sociologist who coined the term westernization.

1. Polarization
2. M. N. Srinivas
3. R. N. Mukherjee



Solution: The Indian sociologist who coined the term westernization. - **M. N. Srinivas**

Exercise | Q 1. (D) (1) | Page 21

Correct underlined words and complete the statement.

The stage of society where empirical evidence forms the basis for explanation is the Theological stage.

Solution: The stage of society where empirical evidence forms the basis for explanation is the **positive/scientific** stage.

Exercise | Q 1. (D) (2) | Page 21

Correct underlined word and complete the statement.

The book 'Le Suicide' was written by Hobbes.

Solution: The book 'Le Suicide' was written by **Emile Durkheim**.

Exercise | Q 2. (1) | Page 21

Write short notes.

Contribution of G. S. Ghurye to Indian Sociology.

Solution: Govind Sadashiv Ghurye was the first who introduced sociology in India after independence. Therefore, he is considered as the 'Father of Indian Sociology'. He established the 'Indian Sociological Society' and started the journal 'Sociological Bulletin'. Ghurye's work on scheduled tribes were based on the historical, administrative, and social dimensions of Indian tribes. He wanted the tribals to be integrated with the wider Indian society. He has written on tribes like Mahadev Kolis in Maha Rashtra. His book, 'Caste and Race in India' is one of the most important contributions to Indian sociology.

Exercise | Q 2. (2) | Page 21

Write short notes.

Types of suicide according to Durkheim.

Solution:

1. **Egoistic suicide:** It is committed when individuals become socially isolated. These individuals are generally self-centered and have nothing to do with other members of society. E.g. suicide by introverts.
2. **Anomic suicide:** It is committed when individuals are unable to cope with unexpected situations which are against the norms. E.g. suicides during an economic depression.

3. **Altruistic suicide:** It is committed when individuals feel that they can do well for others by ending their own life. E.g. Hara-kiri (by Japanese Soldiers) or Sati (by Indian women in past).
4. **Fatalistic suicide:** It is committed when the repressive (exploitive) feeling is generated in an individual's mind due to extreme control by an external factor. E.g. student's suicide due to career-related pressure from parents.

Exercise | Q 3. (1) | Page 21

Write differences.

Theological stage and Positive stage.

Solution:

Theological Stage	Positive Stage
1. Theological stage is the first stage of Comte's Law of three stages.	1. Positive stage is last or third stage of Comte's law of three stages.
2. Human thinking, ideas and views were influenced by spiritual and supernatural factors.	2. This is an improved rational, scientific form of human thinking.
3. All societies believed that God controls all events in the world.	3. Instead of imagination and superstitious belief, societies turn towards empirical scientific approach.
4. Example: Natural calamities like flood, drought etc, were the expression's of God's anger.	4. Example: Discoveries of Newton and Galileo.

Exercise | Q 3. (2) | Page 21

Write differences.

Anomic suicide and Altruistic suicide.

Solution:

Anomic suicide	Altruistic suicide
1. Anomic suicide is committed when individuals are unable to cope with unexpected situations which are against the norms.	1. Altruistic suicide is committed when individuals feel that they can do well for others by ending their own life.
2. It is not value-oriented suicide.	2. It is value-oriented suicide.
3. It occurs due to normlessness or moral vacuum.	3. It occurs due to affection and care for loved ones.
4. Example: Farmer's suicide due to economic hardships and poor climatic conditions.	4. Example: Suicide by a terminally ill patient to relieve the family of economic and mental hardships.



Exercise | Q 4. (1) | Page 21

State whether the following statement is True or False with reasons.

According to Marx, capitalism gives rise to we feeling among workers.

1. True
2. False

Solution: This statement is false.

Reason: In capitalist society capitalists exploit the workers in a maximum way. This exploitation resulted in poverty. Such economic exploitation and inhuman condition gives rise to feeling of alienation, instead of oneness. That is why, capitalism gives rise to alienated feeling instead of we feeling.

Exercise | Q 4. (2) | Page 21

State whether the following statement is True or False with reasons.

Iravati Karve has made significant contribution to the study of Kinship in India.

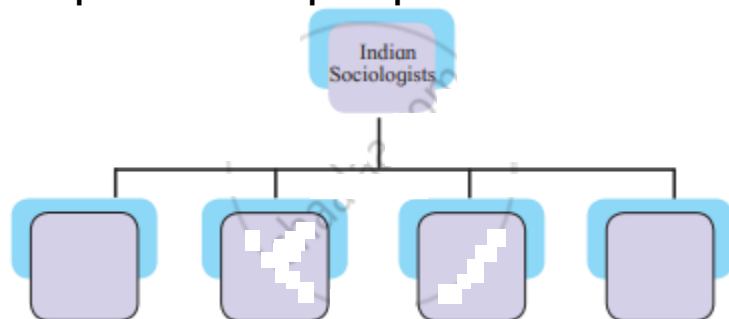
1. True
2. False

Solution: This statement is true.

Reason: Iravati Karve's book 'Kinship Organisation in India' (1953) offers a microanalysis of major kinship systems in India. It provides a comparative study of the Kinship organisation in different Indian regions. e.g. kinship terms in major Indian languages, their linguistic content, corresponding behaviour, marriage patterns, etc. Karve presented the kinship organisation based on geographical (Northern, Central, Southern and Eastern) and linguistic regions (Indo-European and Dravidian).

Exercise | Q 5 | Page 21

Complete the concept map.



Solution:

1. Dr. G. S. Ghurye
2. Dr. M. N. Srinivas



3. Dr. Iravati Karve
4. B. K. Sarkar

Exercise | Q 6. (1) | Page 21

Give your personal response.

Do you think globalization has led to polarization of classes? Discuss with relevant examples of your own.

Solution: Yes, globalization has led to the polarization of classes. This has led to the segregation of people in the society that may emerge from income inequality, economic restructuring, etc. It leads to the differentiation of groups on the basis of high income and low income. Skilled people manage to get high paying jobs while the less educated/skilled people receive low wages.

Exercise | Q 6. (2) | Page 21

Give your personal response.

Do you think kinship bonds are weakening? Give reasons for your response.

Solution: Yes,

Kinship relations refer to bonds formed on the basis of family, caste, and language. These relations are weakening in India. It is evident from the movement of people from the joint family systems to nuclear families and migration from original, ancestral locations to urban areas. With increased modernisation and the foray of digitalisation, people have become more materialistic. Their emotional attachment with family, people belonging to their caste and the linguistic group has weakened over time.

Exercise | Q 7 | Page 21

Answer the following question in detail. (About 150 words)

You have studied about Comte's Law of Three Stages of human thought. With reference to the first and third stage, comment on the challenges it poses for Indian society.

Solution: 1. In the first stage of human thought (i.e. Theological Stage), it was believed that God is the creator and controller of all things. The challenges in this stage are:

- a. Ideas and views lack a logical base as they are influenced by spiritual and supernatural factors.
- b. The belief that God has a monopoly over all events may discourage individuals from working hard.
- c. People may not take responsibility for their misdoings thinking that everything results from the action of supernatural beings.

2. In the third stage of human thought (i.e. Positive/Scientific stage), human beings resort to the improved and scientific form of thinking. The challenges in this stage are:



- a. Individuals rely on reasoning and examination for obtaining knowledge. It requires them to carry out a detailed investigation of each phenomenon.
- b. Individuals have to use observation instead of imagination to derive knowledge.
- c. Sometimes, it may become difficult to establish laws that link facts and govern social life.