



**MA SOCIOLOGY**  
**First Semester**  
**PERSPECTIVES ON INDIAN SOCIETY**  
**(MSO - 103)**

**Duration: 3Hrs.**

**Full Marks: 70**

Part-A (Objective) =20  
Part-B (Descriptive) =50

**(PART-B: Descriptive)**

**Duration: 2 hrs. 40 mins.**

**Marks: 50**

**Answer any four from Question no. 2 to 8**  
**Question no. 1 is compulsory.**

1. Define caste. Critically examine L. Dumont's understanding about the caste system of Indian society? (2+8=10)
2. Is Ghurye's text caste and race in India is written from an Indological perspective? If so, explain how? (2+8=10)
3. Discuss in details the contribution of Bombay and Lucknow School of thought in promoting growth and development of sociology in India. (5+5=10)
4. What is subaltern perspective? Examine the relevance of this perspective in context of understanding Indian society. (2+8=10)
5. Does the concept of dominant caste provide an alternative view to understand the caste scenario of Indian society? If so explain how? (10)
6. Critically examine the role of colonial ethnographies in context of understanding Indian social realities during British era. (10)
7. Discuss in details the processes of social change in Indian society. (10)
8. Who are the Dalits? Discuss in details B.R Ambedkar viewpoints about Dalit liberation and Caste system of Indian society. (2+4+4=10)

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**(PART A - Objective Type)**

**I. Choose the correct answer:**

**1×20=20**

- \_\_\_\_\_ is the author of the book "India's village" (1955).  
a) S.C Dube                      b) M.N Srinivas  
c) Lila Dube                      d) G.S Ghurye
- Who among the following has studied the caste system in a Tanjore village called Sripuram?  
a) S C Dube                      b) M.N. Srinivas  
c) A. Beteille                      d) Rudolph and Rudolph
- Who among the following has said that "Caste is a religious ranking which classifies things and beings"?  
a) L.Dumont                      b) G.S Ghurye  
c) M.N Srinivas                      d) R.K Mukherjee
- When the great traditions trickle down to the level of little tradition then the process can be said to be as \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) universalization                      b) parochialisation  
c) assimilation                      d) accommodation
- Manusmirti and Ramayana are the \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) examples of great tradition                      b) examples of little tradition  
c) examples of parochialisation                      d) examples of universalisation
- All India Kishan Shaba was formed in the year \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) 1936                      b) 1933                      c) 1935                      d) 1932
- According to A.R Desai, who among the following has played the most instrumental role in the second phase of the development of Indian nationalism?  
a) INC-Liberals                      b) INC-Extremists  
c) Indian Intellengetia                      d) Muslim League
- Sir William Jones established the Asiatic society of Bengal in the year \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) 1787                      b) 1777                      c) 1875                      d) 1872

9. The term subaltern was coined by \_\_\_\_\_.
- a) David Hardiman                      b) Antonio Gramsci  
c) Ranajit Guha                         d) B.R Ambedkar
10. Which of the following does not belong to *Dwija* category?
- a) Brahmins                                b) Khastriya  
c) Vaishyas                                d) Sudras
11. When a man belonging to higher varna married a woman belonging to the lower varna, the marriage is called \_\_\_\_\_.
- a) Anuloma                                 b) Pratiloma  
c) Endogamy                                d) Exogamy
12. Indian Sociological Society came into being in the year \_\_\_\_\_.
- a) 1951                      b) 1955                      c) 1950                      d) 1928
13. Who among the following has studied the Devi Movement?
- a) Ranajit Guha                          b) Gayatri Spivak  
c) A.R Desai                                d) David Hardiman
14. Who is the author of the book "The Buddha and His Dharma"?
- a) B.R Ambedkar                         b) Herbert Risley  
c) G.S Ghurye                              d) William Wiser
15. Independent Labour Party came into being in the year \_\_\_\_\_.
- a) 1923                      b) 1944                      c) 1930                      d) 1936
16. Sanskritization was \_\_\_\_\_.
- a) an imposition of brahmanical practices.  
b) a very quick process of social mobility.  
c) does not lead to structural change but only to a positional change.  
d) none of above.
17. In terms of social stratification systems, India is a good example of a society in which most of the social positions are \_\_\_\_\_.
- a) ascribed                                 b) achieved  
c) reinforced by a legal system        d) reinforced by rural life.
18. The type of social mobility up or down the ladder is called \_\_\_\_\_.
- a) Vertical mobility                        b) Horizontal mobility  
c) Occupational mobility                 d) Intergenerational mobility
19. Who is the author of the book "History of British India"?
- a) James Mill                                b) Thomas Macaulay  
c) M.N Srinivas                            d) Iravati Karve
20. Which Indian sociologist first emphasized on the distinction between text and field view?
- a) Srinivas                      b) Karve                      c) Ghurye                      d) S.C Dube

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