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General Instructions

1. This is a Closed Book Test.
2. This question paper consists of **seven (7)** questions in five **(05)** pages.
3. **Answer five (5) questions including question No 01.**
4. Question No. 01 contains 10 structured questions. Answer these questions in the space provided and attach the paper to the answer booklet.
5. Read all the questions carefully before answering.
6. Answer for each question should commence from a new page in the answer book.
7. Write your answers in clear handwriting.
8. Do not use red colour pens.

In case of doubt, please consult the supervisor or an invigilator in the examination hall.

Question No 01.

Answer all 10 structured questions in the space provided. (2x10= 20 marks)

1) Describe **two (02)** sociological functions performed by the '**family**'.

2) Briefly explain what is meant by the '**dynamic nature**' of culture.

3) Outline the **four (04)** characteristics of social values.

- (i) -----
- (ii) -----
- (iii) -----
- (iv) -----

4) Explain the difference between '**formal**' and '**informal**' groups in the society.

5) Briefly explain the social process known as **'differentiation'**.

6) Briefly explain what is meant by **'inter – stratum rivalry/conflict.'**

7) Describe **two (2)** factors influencing **'vertical social mobility'**.

(i) -----

(ii)-----

8) Describe the reasons for disregarding '**rural folk knowledge**' by modern society.

9) Explain the role played by '**religion**' as a social institution.

10) Describe the two types of '**social group leaders**' according to the tasks performed by them.

(i)-----

(ii)-----

Select any **four (4) questions** from the following. Write your answers in the answer book.

Question No.2.

- i. List **four (4)** conditions required to initiate social interactions (**4 marks**).
- ii. Give **two (2)** examples for positive social interactions and briefly explain them (**08 marks**).
- iii. Discuss the negative social impacts of disjunctive social interactions. (**08marks**).

Question No 3.

- i. List **four (4)** criteria used as bases for stratification (**4 marks**).
- ii. Discuss the **two (2)** forms of social stratification in the eastern societies (**08 marks**).
- iii. Discuss **four (04)** functions of social stratification (**08 marks**).

Question No.4 Write short notes on **four (04)** of the following (**5 x4 = 20 marks**).

- a. Social mobility
- b. Formalization of organizations
- c. Rural urban differences
- d. Natural ecological entities
- e. Self-reliant development
- f. Technological advancements in Agriculture.

Question No.5.

- i. Briefly explain what is meant by '**social change**' (**04marks**).
- ii. Explain how the following factors contributing to social change (**8 marks**)
 - a. Changes in traditional family structure.
 - b. Urbanization and migration.
- iii. Discuss **four (4) factors** affecting the acceptance / rejection of social change (**8 marks**).

Question No.6

- i. Explain **two (2)** functions of social values with examples (**05 marks**)
- ii. Critically examine the reasons for **the deterioration of social values in the modern society.** (**15marks**)

Question No.7.

"Social Problems are interrelated and difficult to solve individually".

Comment on the above statement considering the social, cultural and economic factors associated with social problems (**20 marks**).
