CBSE Class 12 Sociology Answer Key 2019 (March 11)

	SECTION A	
1	What is social exclusion?	2
N. S.	Social exclusion refers to ways in which individuals may become cut	11
	off from full involvement in the wider society.	
2	According to Adam Smith, what is meant by invisible hand?	2
	Invisible hand refers to an unseen force at work that converts what is	
	good for everyone into what is good for society.	
3	Why is rising dependency ratio a cause for worry in countries that	2
	are facing aging population?	
	A rising dependency ratio is a cause for worry in countries that are	
	facing an aging population, since it becomes difficult for a relatively	
	smaller proportion of working-age people to carry the burden of	
	providing for a relatively larger proportion of dependents.	
	OR	
	Identify the reasons for different replacement levels found in	1+1
	different states of India.	
	 Increased levels of prosperity exert a strong downward pull on the birth-rate; 	
	 Increased literacy rate; 	
	• Growing awareness;	E
	 Increase in the level of education; 	3
	Acceptance of small family size.	
	(Any two)(Any other relevant point)	man
4	How do Interest groups operate in the political area?	1+1
	• Different interest groups work towards influencing political	
	parties to pursue specific interests in the political arena.	
	• When certain groups feel that their interests are not being taken	
	up, they may move to form an alternative party.	
	• They form pressure groups who lobby with the government.	
	• These organisations are best regarded as movements until they	
	achieve recognition.	
	(Any two)(Any other relevant point)	
5	What are the reasons for the growth of Indian Language	1+1
	newspapers?	
	 Rise of Literate people; 	
	 Introduction of local news; 	
	 Adoption of advanced printing techniques-supplements, pull 	
	out, etc.	
	 Marketing strategies—door to door surveys etc. 	
	Reduced prices.	
	(Any two) (Any other relevant point)	
6	Name any two women organisations.	1+1
	The Women's India association(WIA)	
	All India Women's Conference (AIWC)	
	National Council for Women in India(NCWI)	
	(Any two) (Any other relevant point)	



7	Many of our cultural practices and patterns can be traced to our	1+1
	agrarian background. How?	
	Most of the New Year festivals in different regions of India — Description: Output Description:	
	such as Pongal in Tamil Nadu, Bihu in Assam, Baisakhi in Punjab and Ugadi in Karnataka.	
	• Celebrating the main harvest season and heralding the	
	beginning of a new agricultural season.	
	Orgining of a new agricultural season. OR	
	What are the factors behind Kerala's mixed economy?	1+1
	 Political mobilisation, 	
	 Redistributive measures, 	
	 linkages to an external economy 	
	 Integration of agriculture with a wide network of retail sales and services, 	
	Remittances from abroad	
	(Any two)	
8	How can cultural diversity present tough challenges?	1+1
	• They can arouse intense passions	
	Able to mobilise large numbers of people. Sometimes and life and a second and a large numbers.	E
	 Sometimes cultural differences are accompanied by economic and social inequalities. 	3.
	 Inequalities or injustices suffered by one community can 	
	provoke opposition from other communities.	Latform
	 The situation becomes worse when scarce resources – like river 	/aci
	waters, jobs or government funds – have to be shared.	
	(Any two)(Any other relevant point)	
	OR	
	How are minorities politically vulnerable?	1+1
	• It is always possible to convert a numerical majority into	
	political power through elections.	
	• Religious or cultural minorities – regardless of their economic	
	or social position – are politically vulnerable.	
	• They face the risk that the majority community will capture	
	political power and use the state machinery to suppress their	
	religious or cultural institutions, Forced to abandon their distinctive identity	
	 Forced to abandon their distinctive identity. (Any two) (Any other relevant point) 	
9	How does mass media function as the watchdog of democracy?	1+1
, J ,	Jawaharlal Nehru, the first prime minister, called upon the	
	media to function as the watchdog of democracy.	
	• The media was expected to spread the spirit of self-reliance.	
	• The media was a means to inform the people of the various	
	developmental efforts.	
	• The media was also encouraged to fight against oppressive	
	social practices like untouchability, child marriages, and	
	ostracism of widows, as well as beliefs of witchcraft and faith	
	healing.	
	(Any two)	



10	With what objectives did 'new' farmers' movements begin in the 1970's?	1+1
	The basic ideology of the movement was strongly anti state and anti-urban	
	The focus was on price and related issues.	
11	How is Sanskritization a process of social change?	1+1
	 Sanskritisation is a process by which a 'low' caste or tribe or 	
	other group takes over the customs, ritual, beliefs, ideology and	
	style of life of a high and, in particular, a 'twice-born (dwija) caste'.	
	 Its influence can be seen in language, literature, ideology, music, dance, drama, style of life and rituals; 	
	• Sanskritisation suggests a process whereby people want to	
	improve their status through adoption of names and customs of culturally high-placed groups.	
	(Any Two) (Any other relevant point)	
	OR	
	New ideas of liberalism and freedom emerged in colonial India as	1+1
	stated by sociologist Satish Saberwal. Identify them.	E
	The nature of Ideas: -	V.
	 New ideas of homemaking and marriage; 	
	 New roles for mothers and daughters, 	MITORE
	 New ideas of self-conscious pride in culture and tradition. 	191,
	The value of education	
	 Crucial for a nation to become modern but also retain its ancient heritage. 	
	• Initiated a period of questioning, reinterpretations and both	
	intellectual and social growth.	
	(Any two)	
12	How has the formation of AITUC made the colonial government	1+1
	more cautious in dealing with labour?	
	 It attempted to grant workers some concessions in order to contain 	
	unrest.	
	 The government passed the Factories Act which reduced the working day to 10 hours. 	
	 The Trade Unions Act was passed, providing for the registration of trade unions and proposed some regulations. 	
	(Any Two)	



13	"Mass media is a part of our daily life". Give two examples to	1+1
	support the statement.	
	People wake up only to put on the radio,	
	Switch on the television,	
	 Look for the morning newspaper, 	
	Younger children may first glance at their mobile phones to check	
	their missed calls,	
	• Plumbers, electricians, carpenters, painters and sundry other	
	service providers in many urban centres have a mobile telephone	
	where they can be easily contacted,	
	Many shops in cities increasingly have a small television set.	
	• Indians abroad keep regular touch with friends and families back	
	home over the internet and telephone,	
	Migrants from working class population in the cities are regularly	
	in touch with their families in the villages over the phone. (Any two)	
14		1+1
± ' ≒	• English is not only widely used in India but we now have an	
	impressive body of literary writings by Indians in English.	
	• This knowledge of English has given Indians an edge in the	
	global market.	5
	 English continues to be a mark of privilege. 	CBO.
	 Not knowing English is a disadvantage in the job market. 	
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	 English opens doors of opportunities for the deprived that were formerly closed. 	g.
	(Any Two)	
	OR OR	
	There are vital differences between empire building of pre-	2 2
	capitalist times and that of capitalist times. Give reasons.	1+1
	Empire building of pre-capitalist times	
	Outright pillage, continuous flow of tribute benefited the pre-	
	capitalist conquerors and did not interfere with the economic	
	base.	
	• They simply took the tribute that was skimmed off the	
	economic surplus that was produced traditionally in the	
	subjugated areas.	
	(Any one)	
	Empire building of Capitalist times(British colonialism)	
	 Directly interfered to ensure greatest profit and benefit to 	
	British capitalism.	
	 Every policy was geared towards the strengthening and 	
	expansion of British capitalism. For instance it changed the very	
	laws of the land.	
	• It meddled with the manufacturing sector and altering the way	
	production and distribution of goods took place.	
	(Any one)	



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1.5	 Literacy varies across gender, regions and social groups. Explain. The literacy rate for women is almost 22% less than the literacy rate for men. Regional variations are still very wide, with states like Kerala approaching universal literacy, while states like Bihar are lagging far behind. Literacy rates also vary by social group –disadvantaged communities such as SCs and STs, have lower rates of literacy. Rates of female literacy within disadvantaged groups are even lower than the male literacy while women literacy is faster than male literacy. 	1+1+1+1
16	 What is a sociologist's view on market as a social institution? Sociologists view markets as social institutions that are constructed in culturally specific ways. Markets are often controlled or organised by particular social groups or classes. The weekly market is the major institution for the exchange of goods as well as for social intercourse. Local people come to the market to sell their agricultural or 	Con m
	OR (Any four)	
	 How did the advent of colonialism in India produce a major upheaval in the economy? Advent of colonialism in India produced major upheaval in the economy Disruptions in production, trade, and agriculture Demise of the handloom industry due to the flooding of the market with cheap manufactured textiles from England. India became a source of raw materials and agricultural products and a consumer of manufactured goods, earlier it was a supplier of manufactured goods to the world market. British industrialization led to de-industrialization in India. 	1+1+1+1



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	 New groups emerged to take advantage of the economic 	
	opportunities provided by colonialism. Eg: Marwaris.	
	 Emergence of new business communities transformed trade, 	
	banking, industry etc.	
	(Any four)	
17	 State the declarations of the Karachi Session of the Indian National Congress which committed itself to women's equality. The Karachi Session of the Indian National Congress declared- Fundamental Rights of Citizenship in India whereby it committed itself to women's equality. All citizens are equal before the law, irrespective of religion, caste, creed or sex. No disability attaches to any citizen, by reason of his or her religion, caste, creed or sex, in regard to public employment, office of power or honour, and in the exercise of any trade or calling. The franchise shall be on the basis of universal adult suffrage. 	1+1+1+1
	 Woman shall have the right to vote, to represent and the right 	
	to hold public offices.	
	OR	5
	Untouchability is an extreme and vicious aspect of the caste system. Explain the various dimensions of untouchability. The three main dimensions of untouchability are exclusion, humiliation-subordination and exploitation: • Subordination and exploitation- Untouchability is almost always associated with economic exploitation of various kinds, most commonly through the imposition of forced, unpaid underpaid) labour, or the confiscation of property. • Exclusion-Dalits experience forms of exclusion that are unique and not practised against other groups — for instance, being prohibited from sharing drinking water sources or participating in collective religious worship, social ceremonies and festivals. • Untouchability may also involve forced inclusion in a subordinated role, such as being compelled to play the drums at a religious event. • Humiliation and subordination - The performance of publicly visible acts of (self-) humiliation and subordination is an important part of the practice of untouchability. Common instances include the imposition of gestures of deference (such as taking off headgear, carrying footwear in the hand, standing with bowed head, not wearing clean or 'bright' clothes, and so on) as well as routinised abuse and humiliation. (Any two)	2+2 Natform



18	Examine the arguments given by Dr. Ambedkar and Mahatma Gandhi for the inclusion of Panchayati Raj in the Constitution.	2+2
	• Dr. Ambedkar argued that local elites and upper castes were	
	well entrenched in society.	
	The existence of local self-government only meant a continuing	
	exploitation of the downtrodden masses of Indian society. The	
	upper castes would no doubt silence this segment of the	
	population further.	
	• Gandhiji envisaged each village as a self-sufficient unit	
	conducting its own affairs.	
	He saw gram-swarajya to be an ideal model to be continued after independence.	
19	Industrialization and Urbanization are linked processes. Discuss.	1+1+1+1
13	• Industrialisation refers to the emergence of machine production,	
	based on the use of inanimate power resources like steam or	
	electricity.	
	 Urbanisation: The development of towns and cities 	
	 Majority of the employed population work in factories, offices 	
	or shops rather than agriculture.	
	 People start migrating to towns and cities to work. 	E
20	"What marked these 19 th century social reform attempts was the	1+1+1+1
	modern context and mix of ideas". Interpret the given statement.	
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	context and mix of ideas.	130
	• It was a creative combination of modern ideas of western	
	liberalism and a new look on traditional literature.	
	• Ram Mohun Roy attacked the practice of sati on the basis of	
	both appeals to humanitarian and natural rights doctrines as well	
	as Hindu shastras.	
	Ranade's writings entitled The Texts of the Hindu Law on the	
	Lawfulness of the Remarriage of Widows and Vedic Authorities for Widow Marriage elaborated the shastric sanction	
	for remarriage of widows.	
	• The content of new education was modernising and liberal. The	
	literary content of the courses in the humanities and social	
	sciences was drawn from the literature of the European	
	Renaissance, Reformation and Enlightenment. Its themes were	
	humanistic, secular and liberal.	
	 Sir Sayed Ahmed Khan's interpretation of Islam emphasised the 	
	validity of free enquiry (ijtihad) and the alleged similarities	
	between Koranic revelations and the laws of nature discovered	
	by modern science.	
	Kandukiri Viresalingam's The Sources of Knowledge reflected 1.	
	his familiarity with navya-nyaya logic. At the same time he	
	translated Julius Huxley. (Any four)	
	(Any 10ul)	
	OR	



11-	Sociologists have tried to define what constitutes modernization.	1+1+1+1	
	Elaborate.		
	• From the 19th and more so the 20th century the term began to		
	be associated with positive and desirable values.		
	• In the early years, modernisation referred to improvement in		
	technology and production processes.		
	 It referred to the path of development that much of west Europe 		
	or North America has taken.		
	 Modernization assumes that local ties and parochial 		
	perspectives give way to universal commitments and		
	cosmopolitan attitudes		
	 People are influenced not just by local but universal contexts. 		
	Work gets based on choice, not birth.		
	A scientific attitude and a rational approach matters. (Any four)		
21	(Any four) Mention the loop holes found in the implementation of the Land	1 1 1 1 1 1	
ZI	Ceiling Act.	TLTLTLT	
	• Land Ceiling Act imposed an upper limit on the amount of land		
	that can be owned by a particular family.		
	 Possession of surplus land (above the ceiling limit) held by each 	E	
	household, and redistribute it to landless families.	L Co.	
	• There were many loopholes and other strategies through which		
	most landowners were able to escape from having their surplus	777034	
	land taken over by the state.	191,	
	 While some very large estates were broken up. 		
	• In most cases landowners managed to divide the land among		
	relatives and others, including servants, in so-called 'benami		
	transfers'.		
	• In some places, some rich farmers actually divorced their wives		
	(but continued to live with them) in order to avoid the		
	provisions of the Land Ceiling Act, which allowed a separate share for unmarried women but not for wives.		
	(Any four)		
· ·	SECTION C		
22	In your opinion has the Linguistic reorganisation of states helped	1+1+1+1+1	
	or harmed India's unity?		
	• Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru feared that states based on		
	language might hasten a further subdivision of India. Far from		
	undermining Indian unity, linguistic states have helped		
	strengthen it.		
	 Role of State reorganisation Commission-reframed in 1920 on 		
	linguistic lines.		
	• 1947-Independence and movement by Marathi and Kannada		
	speakers and Telugu speakers.		
	• 1956-redrawing map of India on Linguistic lines, comparison		
	with Ceylon and Pakistan. The has proved to be perfectly consistent to be Kannadian and		
	 It has proved to be perfectly consistent to be Kannadiga and Indian, Bengali and Indian, Tamil and Indian, Gujarati and 		
	Indian, Bengan and mulan, Tamin and mulan, Gujarad and Indian.		
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Civil Society makes the state accountable to the Nation and its people. Explain with reference to the RTI Act.

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- Civil society is the non-state and non-market part of the public domain in which individuals get together voluntarily to create institutions and organisations.
- It is the sphere of active citizenship where, individuals take up social issues, try to influence the state or make demands on it, pursue their collective interests or seek support for a variety of causes.
- The Right to Information Act 2005, gives Indians an access to Government records.
- It was enacted by the Parliament of India giving any person who may request information from a "public authority", is expected to reply expeditiously or within thirty days.
- The Act also requires every public authority to computerise their records for wide dissemination and to proactively publish certain categories of information so that the citizens need minimum recourse to request for information formally.
- This law was passed by Parliament on 15 June 2005. The Act specifies that citizens have a right to:
 - > Request any information,
 - Take copies of documents,
 - Inspect documents, works and records,
 - Take certified samples of materials of work,
 - Obtain information in form of printouts, diskettes, floppies, tapes, video cassettes or in any other electronic mode or through printouts.
- Civil liberties organisations have been keeping a watch on the state and forcing it to obey the law.

(Any six)

The institution of caste underwent major changes during colonial 1+1+1+1+1+1 23 period. Explain

- The British administrators began by trying to understand the complexities of caste in an effort to learn how to govern the country efficiently
- The British undertook methodical and intensive surveys of various tribes and castes to learn how to govern the country.
- The first such survey was carried out by H. Rishley in 1901 and thus castes began to be counted and rewarded.
- Direct attempt to count caste and to officially record caste status changed the institution itself.
- Land revenue settlement gave a legal recognition to the customary rights of the upper caste.
- The Govt. of India Act 1935 gave legal recognition to the list of 'schedules' of castes and tribes marked out for special treatment by the state.

OR



Do you think tribes are primitive communities living isolated lives 1+1+1+1+1 untouched by civilisation? Discuss. • Tribes are seen as secondary phenomena arising out of exploitative and colonialist contacts. • On the political and economic front, tribal societies were faced with the incursion of money lenders. They were also losing their land to non-tribal immigrant settlers. • Many of the Rajput kingdoms of central and western India emerged through a process of stratification among Adivasi community themselves. • Occupied a special trade niche – trading forest produce, salt, and elephants. Capitalist economies drive exploit forest resources and minerals to recruit cheap labour brought tribal societies into mainstream. • There is a gradual emergence of an educated urbanised professional class among tribal communities. With the help of an example explain the impact of Globalization 1+1+1+1+1+1 and the New International Division of Labour. A new international division of labour has emerged in which more and more routine manufacturing production and employment is done in the Third World cities. • The company grew enormously from its inception as an importer of shoes. • The founder Phil Knight imported shoes from Japan and sold them at athletics meetings. • The company grew to a multinational enterprise, a transnational corporation. As costs increased production shifted to South Korea, later on to Thailand and Indonesia. This flexibility of labour often works in favour of the producers. Instead of mass production of goods at a centralised location (Fordism), we have moved to a system of flexible production at dispersed locations (Post-Fordism). OR There are many ways Globalization affects culture. Elaborate. Homogenisation versus Glocalization of culture. 1+1+1+1+1 • Globalisation will lead to the creation of not just new local traditions but global ones too. • Gender and Culture- in India we have been able to retain and develop a democratic tradition and culture that allows us to define culture in a more inclusive and democratic fashion. • Cultural consumption (of art, food, fashion, music, tourism) shapes to a large extent the growth of cities. Eg: shopping malls, multiplex cinema halls, amusement parks etc.

• A dynamic corporate culture - involving company events,

and promote group solidarity.

rituals and traditions - is thought to enhance employee loyalty

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	 The spread of multinational companies and the opportunities opened up by the information technology revolution has created a class of upwardly mobile professionals working in software firms, multinational banks, etc. It is also becoming a threat to many indigenous craft and literary traditions and knowledge systems. (Any six) 	
25	Gandhi on Machinery, in Hind Swaraj 1924: "What I object to is the	
	craze for machinery, not machinery as such. The craze is for what they	
	call labour-saving machinery. Men go on 'saving labour' till thousands	
	are without work and thrown on the open streets to die of starvation. I	
	want to save time and labour, not for a fraction of mankind, hut for all.	
	I want the concentration of wealth, not in the hands of the few, but in	
	the hands of all."	
	1934: "When as a nation we adopt the spinning-wheel, we not only	
	solve the question of unemployment but we declare that we have no	
	intention of exploiting any nation, and we also end the exploitation of	
	the poor by the rich."	A E
	the pool by the field.	Co.
	(a) Give an example of how machinery creates a problem for	2
	workers.	2.101
	Machinery creates the danger that eventually would replace	/a.
	workers	
	concentration of wealth in the hands of the few	
	(Any one) (Any other example)	
	(Any one) (Any other example)	
	India	
	(b) What alterative did Gandhi have in mind? How does	1+3
	adopting the spinning-wheel prevent exploitation?	
	Alterative: -	
	 Adoption of the spinning-wheel or charkha 	
	 Establishing indigenous industries 	
	(Any one)	
	Adopting the spinning-wheel prevent exploitation: -	
	Generates employment	
	 Ends the exploitation of the poor by the rich 	
	Promoting self-reliance.	
	(Any other relevant point)	

