Krishna Kanta Handiqui State Open University

MA 4th Sem. Examination, 2016

Subject : Political Science

Paper : Indian Society in Transition

Time : 3 hrs. *Full marks : 80*

1. Answer *any five* questions from the following. 2×5=10
(each within 50 words)

   a. Write about the role of a teacher as the main person for "Little Tradition" knowledge in a village.

   b. State any four causes contributing towards indebtedness among the tribal population of India.

   c. Write briefly about the importance of population statistics and vital statistics as demographic indicators.

   d. State any two merits and any two demerits of the caste system.

   e. What are the four main things that define a social class?

   f. Mention any four points which highlight the significance of the state in rural development.

2. Answer *any three* questions from the following. 4×3=12
(each within 150 words)

   a. Write briefly about the Indian family in the colonial period.

   b. What were the recommendations suggested for bringing about reform in the tenancy system in the First Five Year Plan.

   c. State any two characteristics of dominant caste.

   d. State any four characteristics of tribes in the Indian context.

3. Answer *any three* questions from the following. 6×3=18
(each within 250 words)

   a. Explain the semi-feudal mode of production.

   b. Discuss the impact of migration on urbanization.

   c. Explain the constitutional provisions for ensuring equality of gender and protection of women against exploitation in India.

   d. What is meant by westernization?

4. Answer *any four* questions from the following. 10×4=40
(each within 500 words)

   a. Explain the issue of rural industrialization and change in rural leadership. Discuss the new emerging patterns of rural leadership in India.

   b. Discuss the Indian middle class society as a consumer in the context of economic growth and rising income of the middle class.

   c. Discuss the issue of land alienation of the Indian tribes.

   d. What is meant by democratic dividend? Discuss the problems and prospects of demographic dividend in the context of the emerging economic scenario and the opportunities for increased participation of women in the economy.

   e. Discuss the status of women in India with regard to the various issues and challenges.

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