Ans to Q No. 4: According to M.N. Srinivas, "a caste may be said to be dominant when it preponderates numerically over other castes and when it also wields preponderant economic and political power. A large and powerful caste group can be more easily dominant if its position in the local caste hierarchy is not too low."

Ans to Q No. 5: The Scheduled Castes (SCs) occupy the bottom most level in the social ladder. They form a major part of the Backward or Depressed classes. As they are economically backward, socially depressed and educationally neglected section of the Indian population, they require special attention from the government to be in par with the other sections of the population.



5.7 MODEL QUESTIONS

A) Short questions (Answer each question in about 150 words)

Q1 : What do you understand by the Jajmani System?

Q2 : What are the differences between Varna and Jati?

B) Long Questions (Answer each question in about 300-500 words)

Q1 : What is caste? Discuss its characteristics.

Q2 : What are the various problems faced by the Scheduled Castes? What steps have been taken for the betterment of this section?

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