

PRESIDENCY COLLEGE
Department of Sociology
Admission Test-2007

Time.: Two hours

F.M.: 100

- Answer to all questions except Q.No.3 may be written in Bengali or in English. Q.No.3 must be answered in English only.
- Use four separate pages as earmarked for four answers.
- Do not write your name and / or other particulars in the answers scripts. Write all these information only on the attached slip.

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- Write an essay within 250 words on : **Modernity and tradition in Indian society.** 35

হলনা লেখা : প্রবর্তনীয় সমাজে আধুনিকতা ও আবেশীত্বের
(২৫০ শব্দের আধিক্য)

- Comment on the following statement within 150 words: **Development requires industrialization.** 25

অনুভব কর : উন্নয়নের পূর্বেই শিল্পায়ন।
(১৫০ শব্দের আধিক্য)

- Read the following passages and answer the questions given below in your own words as far as possible. 4x5=20

(a) Economic poverty is not simply a result of a lack of production or productive efficiency. It arises from expenditure on arms and the international interplay of the patriarchal military systems and the patriarchal capitalist systems, both of which may be institutional forms of racism. Thus the links between poverty, international politics, and international relations of violence are intense.

Q. How is economic poverty created?

(b) Dowry-giving in India has increasingly deteriorated into a bargaining system in which bridegrooms go to the highest bidder. The bride's position in family is even more tenuous than it was in the past, and a woman is increasingly viewed as merely a way to bring in cash. Once this cash is depleted, brides become an expendable commodity. The driving force behind this process is the growth of the cash-based economy, which has commercialized dowry and further lowered the status of women, despite new laws and educational opportunities designed to assist them.

Q. How is dowry commercialized?

(c) While much has been written about differential status of girls and boys with respect to health, nutrition and education, not much is known about the working girl. Part of the reason for this is that all accounts of women's work has focused on the adult women and even gender sensitive researchers have found the girl child invisible. This follows quite naturally from the fact that till very recently women did not include the work they did at home as labour and most of their work was categorized as household activities.

Q. Why is girl child- labour invisible ?

(d) Minority groups are always to some degree ethnically distinct from the majority, but how far this is so varies. The Burakumin are a minority group in Japan, although the level of ethnic difference between them and the majority population is low. They look and act like other Japanese. Many minorities, however, are both ethnically and physically distinct from the rest of the population of the societies in which they live. This is the case with West Indians and Asians in Britain, for example, and with American Indians, blacks, Chinese and certain other groups in the United States.

Q. How do you distinguish minority groups from the majority in a society?

4. Explain the following terms: **টীকা নেওয়া ;** 4x5=20

(a) Cultural relativism.

সাংস্কৃতিক আপেক্ষিকতা

(b) Research

গবেষণা

(c) Terrorism

সন্ত্রাসবাদ

(d) Secularism

পন্থা নিরপেক্ষতা