

PRESIDENCY COLLEGE
Department of Sociology
Admission Test-2009

Time: Two Hours

F.M:100

- A. Answer all questions either in English or Bengali. Only Q. No. 3 must be answered in English.
- B. Use four separate pages as earmarked for four answers.
- C. Do not write your name and /or other particulars in the answer script. Write all the information only on the attached slip.
- D. Use only blue or black ball-point pen. Do not use any coloured highlighting pen. Otherwise answer script will be cancelled.

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1. Write an essay within 250 words on : **Mall Culture and Social Life.** 35

একটি বচন লেখো : - মল-সংস্কৃতি এবং সামাজিক জীবন।

2. Comment on the following statement within 150 words: **Role of Mother is most important in upbringing of a Child.** 25

বিষয়টির উপর মন্তব্য করো : একটি শিশুর প্রতিপালনের ক্ষেত্রে : মাতার ভূমিকাই সবচেয়ে বেশি গুরুত্বপূর্ণ।

3. Read the following passages and answer the questions given below in your own words as far as possible. 10x2=20

(a) Industrial societies require a geographically mobile labour force, with people able and willing to move to other areas of the country to find work, improve their education, or gain promotion. This often involves leaving relatives behind, thus weakening and breaking up traditional extended family life. The small size of the modern isolated nuclear family and its lack of permanent roots in an area (such as wider kin) mean that it is geographically mobile, which some sociologists argue makes it ideally suited to life in an industrial society.

(Source: An introduction to Sociology- Ken Browne, pg. 234)

Q. Explain the impact of industrialization on family.

(b) Violence against women is seen in many forms across nation-states. Dowry-murder is but one example that can be utilized to increase international awareness of the severe effects of violence against women. Dowry-murder is the killing of a woman, ostensibly for not bringing sufficient dowry to the marriage. It is the culmination of a series of prior domestic abuses by the husband's family (Narayan 1997).

An examination of the patriarchal system and the role of women within that system, particularly at the point of marriage and the bestowment of dowry, illuminates the problems of dowry-murder and patriarchy that are a common part of daily life in India. The social mechanisms of male domination and female subordination perpetuate the imbalance of power between men and women in day-to-day events. As Tsing and Yanagisako (1983) point out, marriage, a common life event, is particularly important in the analysis of inequality because it is the point at which gender inequalities are negotiated and the division of labour is defined.

(Source: Urban Women In Contemporary India- Ed by Rehana Ghadially pg.89)

Q. Point out the nature of violence against women.

4. Explain the following terms:

4x5=20

(a) Feminism (স্বাধীনতা)

(b) Eco-friendly environment (পরিবেশ বান্ধব পরিবেশ)

(c) Regionalism (প্রাকৃতিকতাবাদ)

(d) Child Abuse (নিষেধ-নিষেধ)