

MSW DEGREE EXAMINATION MAY 2026
(First Semester)

Branch – **SOCIAL WORK**
CONTEMPORARY INDIAN SOCIETY

Time: Three Hours

Maximum: 75 Marks

SECTION-A (10 Marks)

Answer **ALL** questions

ALL questions carry **EQUAL** marks (10 × 1 = 10)

Question No.	Question	K Level	CO
1	Who is traditionally considered the Father of Sociology and is credited with its evolution? (i) Karl Marx (ii) Auguste Comte (iii) Max Weber (iv) M.N. Srinivas	K1	CO1
2	Which theoretical perspective focuses on how society is a complex system? (i) Conflict Perspective (ii) Interactionist Perspective (iii) Functionalist Perspective (iv) Evolutionary Perspective	K1	CO1
3	The concept of Sanskritization to explain social change in India was introduced by? (i) Emile Durkheim (ii) Herbert Spencer (iii) M.N. Srinivas (iv) Ram Ahuja	K1	CO2
4	According to Module III, which of the following is considered a Social Process? (i) Stratification (ii) Accommodation (iii) Urbanization (iv) Industrialization	K1	CO2
5	Which term refers to the delay between changes in material culture and non-material culture? (i) Cultural Diffusion (ii) Cultural Relativism (iii) Cultural Lag (iv) Cultural Assimilation	K1	CO3
6	A Welfare State is primarily characterized by? (i) Absolute Monarchy (ii) Protection and promotion of the economic and social well-being of its citizens (iii) Focus solely on industrial growth (iv) Absence of social movements	K1	CO3
7	In connection with social stratification, which system is traditionally characterized by ascriptive status in India? (i) Class System (ii) Educational System (iii) Caste System (iv) Economic System	K1	CO4
8	Which of these is listed as a Contemporary Social Problem in Module V of the syllabus? (i) Socialization (ii) Acculturation (iii) Crime and Delinquency (iv) Folkways	K1	CO4
9	Self-Respect Movement is categorized which section of syllabus? (i) Social Institutions (ii) Major Social Movements in India (iii) Agencies of Socialization (iv) Theoretical Perspectives	K1	CO5
10	Which agency is considered primary agency of socialization? (i) The Government (ii) The Family (iii) Mass Media (iv) Political Parties	K1	CO5

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SECTION - B (35 Marks)

Answer ALL questions

ALL questions carry EQUAL Marks

(5 × 7 = 35)

Question No.	Question	K Level	CO
11.a.	Define the evolution of Sociology and discuss the specific contributions of Herbert Spencer.	K1	CO1
	(OR)		
11.b.	What is the contrast of Functionalist and Conflict theoretical perspectives in understanding contemporary society?		
12.a.	Explain the concept of a Welfare State and discuss its characteristics that define India as a welfare state.	K2	CO5
	(OR)		
12.b.	What is the impact of Urbanization, Industrialization, and Sanskritization as drivers of social change in India?		
13.a.	Analyze the recent trends in family relationships and marriage systems, including issues such as living together and surrogacy.	K4	CO3
	(OR)		
13.b.	Categories the various Social Processes, specifically focusing on the differences between Accommodation, Assimilation, and Acculturation.		
14.a.	Examine about Community and explain the distinct characteristics of Rural, Urban, and Tribal communities in the Indian context.	K2	CO2
	(OR)		
14.b.	Examine the differences between Rural, Urban, and Tribal communities, focusing on how their distinct social structures and functions.		
15.a.	Examine the structural differences between the Class and Caste systems in India and discuss the modern trends currently affecting the caste system.	K4	CO2
	(OR)		
15.b.	Analyze the concept of cultural lag in the context of Indian society and distinguish between the roles of cultural norms and folkways in maintaining social order.		

SECTION - C (30 Marks)

Answer ANY THREE questions

ALL questions carry EQUAL Marks

(3 × 10 = 30)

Question No.	Question	K Level	CO
16	Define Community and perform a comparative analysis of the socio-economic and cultural characteristics of Rural, Urban, and Tribal communities in India.	K1	CO2
17	Compare the Caste and Class systems as forms of social stratification and discuss the modern trends that are currently reshaping the caste system in India.	K2	CO1
18	Identify the four primary types of Social Processes and explain it with suitable examples.	K3	CO3
19	Analyze the concept of Socialization and evaluate how various agencies function to ensure social control within a diverse society.	K4	CO4
20	Evaluate the concept of the Welfare State and provide a comprehensive argument for why India is characterized as a welfare state.	K5	CO5

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