INSTRUCTIONS

Answer must be written in the medium specified in the Admission Certificate issued you, which must be stated clearly on the cover of the answer book in the space provided for the purpose. No Marks will be given for the answers written in a medium other than that specific in the Admission Certificate.

Candidates should attempt Question 1 & 5 which are compulsory, and any three of the remaining questions, selecting at least one from each section.

All questions carry equal marks.

Parts of the same question must be answered together and must not be interposed between answers to other questions.
SECTION A

1. Answer the following questions in not more than 200 words

(a) C. Wright Mills – ‘Power Elite’.
(b) Animism
(c) Education and Social change

2. (a) The changing role and status of women in society has led to many changes in the institution of marriage. Critically analyze the statement.

2. (b) The functional theories of religion can only “partially” account for contemporary social reality. Explain.

3. (a) Religion revivalism may or may not hamper the process of ‘secularization’ but religious fundamentalism is completely antithetical to the process of ‘secularization’ of society. Comment.

3. (b) The institution of family is in a state of transition in all societies. Comment on the impact of this transition on the individual members of the family.

4. (a) The nature and distribution of ‘power’ in modern industrial societies has been variously explained by different perspectives. Critically examine these perspectives. Which of them most approximates social reality?

4. (b) The Feminist perspective regards the sexual division of labour in the family as well in the labour-market, a reflection of patriarchal values. To what extent is this view justified in the modern contemporary societies.

SECTION B

5. Answer the following questions in not more than 200 words.

(a) Types of Social movement.
(b) Nuclear family in modern societies
(c) Development
6. (a) Critically analyze the relevance of the ‘dependency theories’ in the background of an increasingly globalizing world.  

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6. (b) The inter-play between pressure groups and the state has led to flourishing and strengthening of democracy in modern societies. Comment.  

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7. (a) The ‘inevitability’ and ‘inescapability’ of bureaucracy in modern industrial societies has been argued for by Max Weber. Critically analyze with reference to the contemporary society.  

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7. (b) ‘There would come a stage in the evolution of society, when science would completely replace religion’. Comment.  

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8. (a) The ‘Information- Technology’ Revolution is unleashing forces of change in all spheres and levels of society. Discuss the impact of this Revolution on different social groups in modern society.  

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8. (b) The functional theories of social change and the conflict theories of social change have as their end goal the ‘progress’ and ‘welfare’ of society. But they are diametrically opposite in their understanding of the processes of social change. Explain.  

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