

PRESIDENCY COLLEGE
Department of Sociology
Admission Test-2008

Time: Two Hours

F.M: 100

- A. 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.
- B. Use four separate pages as earmarked for four answers.
- C. 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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1. Write an essay within 250 words on : **Electronic Media and Modern Social Life.** 35

2. Comment on the following statement within 150 words: **Intimate Parent-Sibling Relationship is Important in the Family.** 25

3. Read the following passages and answer the questions given below in your own words as far as possible. 2x10=20

(a) What has happened to destroy the forms of society which dominated the whole of history up to two centuries ago? The answer in a word is industrialization. Industrialization refers to the emergence of machine production based on the use of inanimate power resources (like steam or electricity). The industrial societies (sometimes also called 'modern' or 'developed' societies) are utterly different from any previous type of social order and their development has had consequences stretching far beyond their European origins. For example, the process of industrialization also began to emerge in India ----- though at a later stage of human history. There has been not a single country which has become modern without the impact of industrialization. Thus, in a way, industrialization have become almost co-terminus.

Q. Discuss in your own words the features of industrialization.

(b) Among the cultural factors affecting process of social change in modern times, both the development of science and the secularization of thought have contributed to the critical and innovative character of the modern out look. We no longer assume that customs or habits are acceptable merely because they have the age-old authority of tradition. On the contrary, our ways of life increasingly require a rational basis. For instance, a design for a hospital would not be based mainly on traditional tastes, but would consider its capability for serving the purpose of a hospital---- effectively caring for the sick. In addition to how we think, the content of ideas has also changed. Ideals of self--- betterment, freedom, equality and democratic participation are largely creations of the past two or three centuries. Such ideals have served to mobilize process of social and political change , including revolutions. These ideas cannot be tied to tradition, but rather suggest the constant revision of ways of life in the pursuit of human betterment. Although they

were initially developed in the west, such ideals have becoming genuinely universal in their application, promoting change in most regions of the world.

Q. Elaborate the ways how people tried to innovate ways for betterment in their lives.

4. Explain the following terms:

4x5=20

a. Reservation

b. Industrialization

c. The Indian middle class

d. Gender inequality