SOC-C-202- Perspectives on Indian Society

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Note: This assignment consists of four questions. You must answer a total of two questions in every assignment in about 1000-1500 words.

We expect you to attempt each question in logical manner in **own hand-writing**. You may attempt question in English or Hindi.

नोट: इस असाइनमेंट में चार प्रश्न हैं। आपको कुल दो प्रश्नों का उत्तर लगभग 1000-1500 शब्दों में देना होगा। हम आपसे अपेक्षा करते हैं कि आप प्रत्येक प्रश्न को अपनी हस्तलिपि में तार्किक ढंग से हल करें। आप अंग्रेजी या हिंदी में प्रश्न का प्रयास कर सकते हैं।

Assignment-1   Marks: 07 (3.5*2)

Q.1. What are the key components of D.D. Kosambi's theory of history, and how does it differ from traditional historical approaches?

Q.2. How does Romila Thapar view the role of oral traditions in shaping the historical narratives of ancient India?

Q.3 What do you understand from contextualization.

Q.4 Discuss how Ghurye's theory explains the origin and functioning of the caste system in Indian society.

Assignment-2   Marks: 07 (3.5*2)

Q.1 Discuss D.D. Kosambi's views on the evolution of Indian society and the role of caste in shaping its development.

Q.2 Explain Indigenisation? In detail.

Q.3 Explain Ghurye's approach to understanding Indian society as a unique and diverse social structure.

Q.4 What is the central argument of Luise Dumont's theory of "hierarchy" in social systems?

Assignment-3   Marks: 06 (3*2))

Q.1 What are the main factors that Romila Thapar identifies as contributing to the emergence of states in early Indian history?

Q.2 What is the concept of "Sanskritization" as proposed by M.N. Srinivas? How does it affect the social mobility of lower caste groups?

Q.3 How does D.P. Mukherjee approach the concept of 'dialectical thinking,' and how is it applied in his analysis of societal changes?

Q.4 How does Hardiman engage with the concept of "subaltern" in understanding Indian history?