

Mid-Semester Examination
HSS368: Introduction to Sociology

Max Marks: 45

19 September 2019

Instructions:

Answer ANY THREE of the following questions (in 700-800 words)

- 1) Identify various discourse(s) around 'nationalism'. Explain how socialisation into these discourse(s) takes place.
- 2) How are differences transformed into inequalities in society? What are the sources and features of inequality?
- 3) "Hierarchies, Hypersymbolism and Ritualisation of multiple social practices characterise the caste system in India". Explain this theorisation of the caste system in India.
- 4) "The term 'Middle Class' is more a symbolic than a factual description". How do you understand this statement made by the sociologist Satish Deshpande? Use the concepts and theories of social stratification discussed in class.
- 5) Discuss the framework(s) used to discuss tribes in India. What are the possible problems and implications of these frameworks?
- 6) Discuss the various modes of caste mobility in India.