

Introduction to the Sociology of India

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Venue: VI LT 2

Answer any **TWO** of the following question.

1. Although caste as a system is declining in Indian society caste consciousness and caste based identity continues to be significant. Critically examine this with examples.
2. Pluralism, tolerance and spiritual quest have been the foundations of Indian culture and civilization since Ancient times. Discuss this in relation to Michael Wood's *India: The Empire of the Spirit*. Also, discuss how Wood distinguishes India from the modern Western civilization.
3. How do you think the ideas of Savarkar and Hindu nationalists have influenced the political culture of India today? Examine.