



AIR 700

SABARESHWARAN P
Anthropology & GS

U.P.S.C.

इस भाग में कुछ न लिखें
(Don't write anything
in this part)

Write a note on theories of origin of caste system
with critical analysis?

M N Srinivas defined "caste is a
hereditary, endogamous, localized group
having traditional association with an occupation
and hierarchical in nature".

Ram Ahuja explained about the theories of
- origin of caste system: Introduction is good and appropriate

Theories of origin of caste	CRITICISM :-
<p>① <u>Traditional theory</u></p> <p>- Varanas originated from the bodily organ of Lord Brahma.</p>	<p><u>M N Srinivas</u> Criticized biological explanation of origin of Caste.</p> <div> </div>
<p>② <u>Brahmanical theory :-</u></p> <p><u>Abbe Dubois</u> - said brahmanical domination putting forth concept like Purity & Superiority.</p>	<p><u>L. Hutton</u> - opined that political clout cannot be a sole factor of superiority of caste - group.</p>



AIR 700

SABARESHWARAN P
Anthropology & GS



AIR 700

SABAREESHWARAN P
Anthropology & GS

U.P.S.C.

इस भाग में कुछ
(Don't write any
in this part)

Presentation and structure is good and appropriate

Contextual awareness is good and appropriate

Well organised systematic structure followed

Maintain the same consistency

Keep writing all the best

Origin of caste

Writing → caste is a
result of civilisations
distinct race stocks.

4. Occupational theory :-

Nesfield → hereditary
occupation led to establish
of caste.

5. Aryan theory :-

Senart → Caste Institution
formed due to Aryans.

6. B. R. Ambedkar View

Dominance of Hindu
social order led to the
formation of caste.

7. Multifactor theory

by SC Roy - above
all factors added to
form the caste system.

CRITICISM.

Hutton → Latin America
has distinct racial stock
Without emergence of caste

Senart → In Russia →
Caste formed earlier than
- occupation.

N. Prasad - other regions
ruled by Aryans - don't
have caste.

Hutton - Political cloud
cannot be a sole factor.



AIR 700

SABAREESHWARAN P
Anthropology & GS

Nothing New - Collection
of already propounded
- theory.



AIR 700

SABAREESHWARAN P
Anthropology & GS

U.P.S.C.

इस भाग में कुछ न लिखें
(Don't write anything
in this part)

Significance of Caste studies:-

1. Helps to identify the oppressed Caste.
2. Helps to Understand the Social Institution.
3. Helps to bring better Social Justice Policies.
4. Helps to Understand the Social Structure.

Contemporary Relevance:-

① Weakening of Caste System due to modernisation, Urbanisation.

② Caste mobility & Sanskritisation

by the lower caste community.

③ Education's Job Reservation demand by

the Jats (Haryana), Maratha / Patel (Gujarat)

④ Economic Weaker Section (EWS) 10%.

Reservation poor among upper caste.

You have conclude the answer properly
Addressed the demand of the questions
properly

Maintain the same consistency
Keep writing all the best

like Sec. Dept. said, better Understanding

of Caste system helps to alleviate historical injustice
and helps to accomplish Constitutional obligation

With help of Applied Anthropology



AIR 700

SABAREESHWARAN P
Anthropology & GS



AIR 700

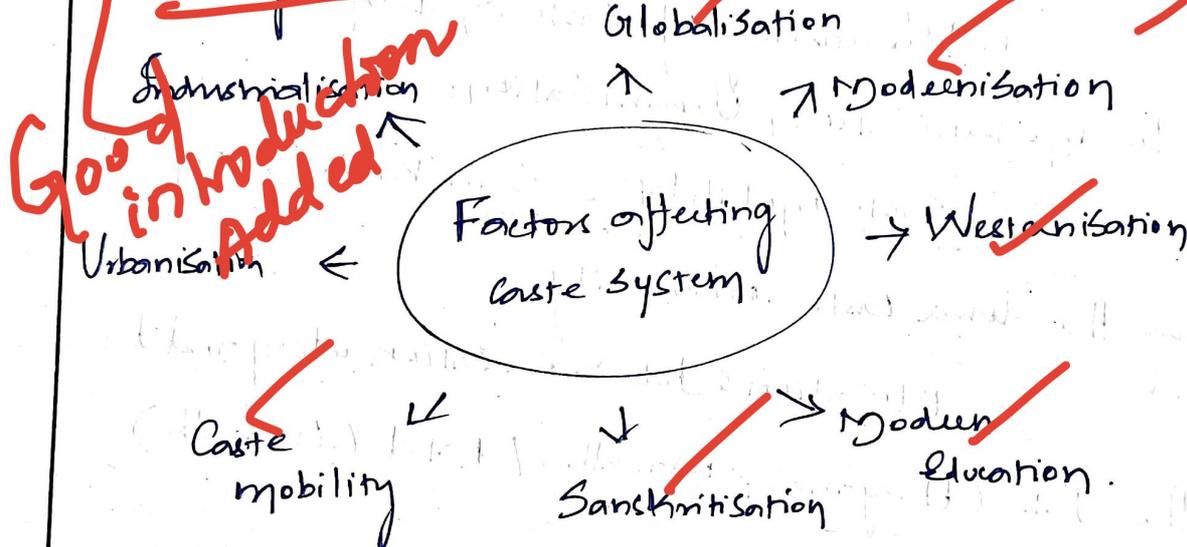
SABARESHWARAN P
Anthropology & GS

U.P.S.C.

इस भाग में कुछ न लिखें
(Don't write anything
in this part)

2. Write a note on the future of Caste System in India With Contemporary relevance and Significance?

M.N. Srinivas - defined Caste as the hereditary, endogamous, localized group and having traditional link with occupation with hierarchy in nature.



Future of Caste system

As per M.N. Srinivas - there is no trace of caste system is losing its grip.

Phenomenon like Caste mobility and economic benefits by government leads to continuance of - caste system.



AIR 700

SABARESHWARAN P
Anthropology & GS



AIR 700

SABAREESHWARAN P
Anthropology & GS

U.P.S.C.

इस भाग में कुछ न लिखें
(Don't write anything
in this part)

Three distinctive stance about future Caste
- System

I. Caste system has degenerated &.
Varna system must be reinstated :-

Scholars like Toynbee, Marshall stated its
- Impracticality

- (i) Varied Occupation in one family
 - (ii) Accomodating Untouchable
 - (iii) Removing Jati based marriage
- Difficult to Reinstatate Varna System

II. Caste system is evil & should be abolished

Presentation and structure is good and appropriate
Bhune → Caste system is hindrance to Progress.

Contextual awareness is good and appropriate
D N Bajundar → Untouchability should be abolished.

Well organised systematic structure followed

Maintain the same consistency
Keep writing all the best

III. Caste system should be Continued

This View seeks to amalgamate the Subcaste
having economic & cultural similarities.

Harold Gould - concluded that Caste is

functioning as an adaptive structure in

-modernizing Indian society, it perpetuates in
-future also.



AIR 700

SABAREESHWARAN P
Anthropology & GS



AIR 700

SABAREESHWARAN P
Anthropology & GS

U.P.S.C.

इस भाग में कुछ न
(Don't write anything
in this part)

Significance :-

- 1] Helps to Understand the evolving nature of Caste System.
- 2] Helps to Understand the Caste as a Structure in the Social Institution.
- 3] Helps to Safeguard the Interest of low caste.
- 4] Helps to Study the Emergence of Inter-caste marriage.

Contemporary relevance :-

- Good attempt*
- 1] Constitutional Safeguards - Through affirmative action favours caste system (Eg) EWS.
 - 2] Electoral Politics - favours caste system.
 - 3] Sanskritisation - only change status & not structure.
 - 4] Modernisation/Globalisation - Weakened caste system.

You have conclude the answer properly
Addressed the demand of the questions properly
Keep writing all the best

Andre Beteille - Concluded that Caste system embedded in the Psyche of Indians & here to stay till it Continues to be part of Psyche.



AIR 700

SABAREESHWARAN P
Anthropology & GS