

**BOARD-PATTERN PRACTICE PAPER · CBSE CLASS 12****The Market as a Social Institution**

Sociology · Chapter 4 · Matches current CBSE blueprint · Each question PYQ-sourced where indicated

DATE	TOTAL MARKS	DURATION	MARKING	TARGET
_____	<b>25</b>	<b>50 min</b>	<b>As per board</b>	<b>≥ 20/25</b>

**GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS**

1. All compulsory.
2. Concrete examples (haat/Dhorai, Nakarattars/hundi, jajmani, opium, Coca-Cola/Pepsi) mandatory for full marks.
3. Cite Alfred Gell, Marx, Weber, Veblen where relevant.
4. Discuss = continuity AND change + conclude.

**Section A — VSA (1 mark × 4)****4 MARKS · 8 MIN**

- Q1.** Who coined the term 'conspicuous consumption'? [PYQ 2019 Delhi] **[1 mark]**
- Q2.** Who studied the weekly haat at Dhorai in Bastar? [PYQ 2021 Delhi] **[1 mark]**
- Q3.** Name the indigenous bill of exchange used by the Nakarattars. [PYQ 2022 All India] **[1 mark]**
- Q4.** In which year did India liberalise its economy? [PYQ 2021 Outside Delhi] **[1 mark]**

**Section B — SA-I (3 marks × 2)****6 MARKS · 12 MIN**

- Q5.** Discuss the weekly tribal market (haat) as a social institution. [PYQ 2021 Delhi] **[3 marks]**
- Q6.** Explain commodification with examples. [PYQ 2019 Outside Delhi] **[3 marks]**

**Section C — SA-II (5 marks × 3)****15 MARKS · 30 MIN**

- Q7.** Why do sociologists call the market a social institution? Discuss with Indian examples. [PYQ 2022 Delhi] **[5 marks]**
- Q8.** How did colonialism transform Indian markets? Show both continuity and change. [PYQ 2020 Delhi] **[5 marks]**
- Q9.** Explain commodification and conspicuous consumption with examples. [PYQ 2022 All India] **[5 marks]**

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