

CHAPTER 5

Patterns of Social Inequality and Exclusion

CBSE · Sociology (Indian Society), CI-12 · Class 12

WHAT THIS CHAPTER DOES

Boards prep that builds confidence, not anxiety.

TODAY'S MISSION

WHY THIS MATTERS

The Four Axes of Indian Inequality

TOPIC

A

**Part A ·
Concepts:
Inequality,
Exclusion,
Discrimination**

TOPIC

Three Words That Are NOT the Same

POINT 1

POINT 2

POINT 3

POINT 4

TOPIC

Quick Test — Did You Get It?

TOPIC

B

Part B - Caste, Dalits & The Constitutional Frame

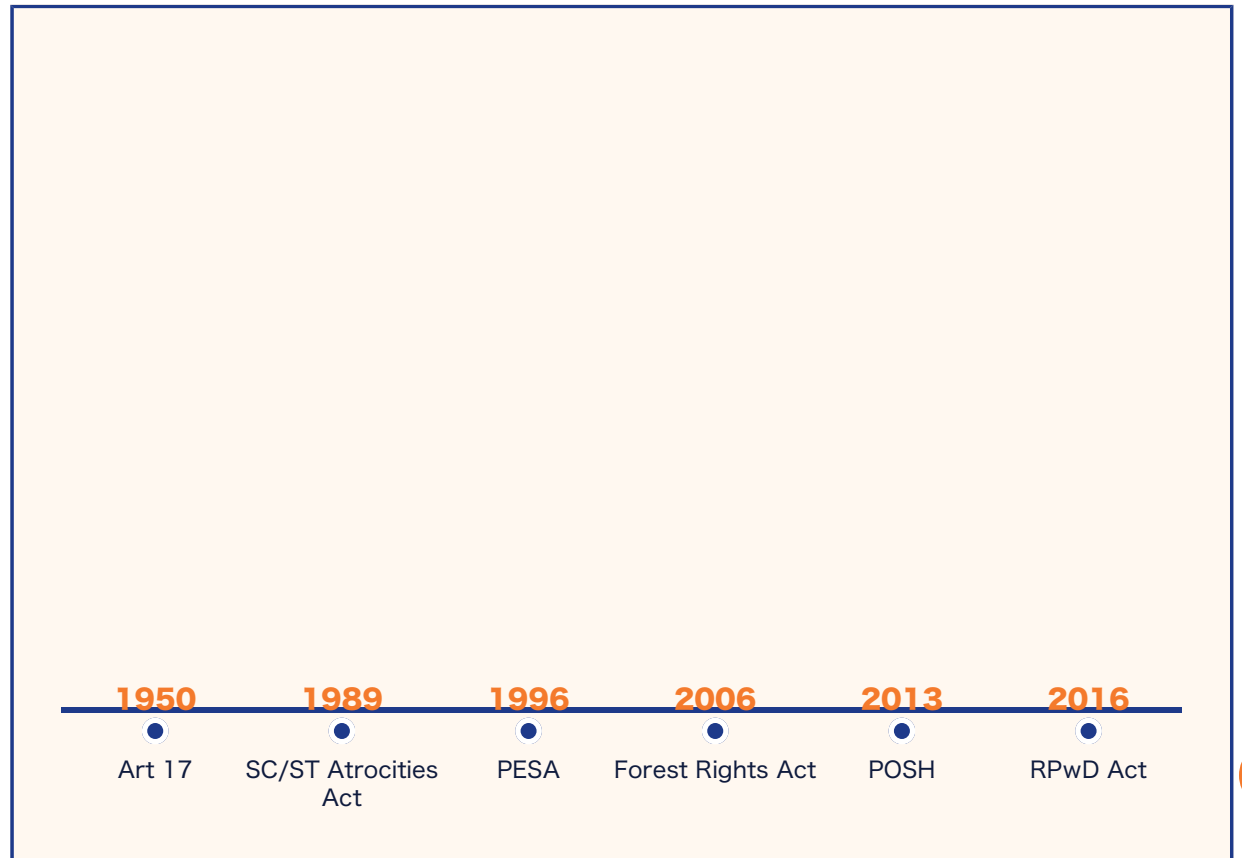
WORKED EXAMPLE

Constitutional Safeguards Against Untouchability

- 1 {'step': 'Article 17 (1950)', 'detail': 'ABOLISHES untouchability in all its forms and makes its practice an offence punishable by law. The strongest single-sentence intervention in the Constitution.'}

- 2 {'step': 'Article 15', 'detail': 'Prohibits discrimination by the State on grounds of religion, race, caste, sex or place of birth. Empowers the State to make special provisions for SCs, STs, OBCs.'}

- 3 {'step': 'Article 46', 'detail': 'Directive Principle — the State shall promote the educational and economic interests of SCs/STs and protect them from social injustice and exploitation.'}



TOPIC

Caste Persists — The Numbers

TOPIC

C

Part C - Adivasis: The Land & Forest Question

WORKED EXAMPLE

How Colonial Forest Laws Disposessed Adivasis

- 1 {'step': 'Pre-colonial', 'detail': 'Adivasis practised shifting cultivation, hunting-gathering, NTFP collection. Forests were community commons under customary use.'}

- 2 {'step': 'Indian Forest Act 1865', 'detail': 'First law to vest forests in the colonial state. Begins the conversion of commons into state property.'}

- 3 {'step': 'Forest Act 1878', 'detail': "Three-tier classification: Reserved (no entry), Protected (regulated), Village (limited customary use). Customary rights become revocable 'concessions'."}

- 4 {'step': 'Indian Forest Act 1927', 'detail': "Consolidates state monopoly; criminalises shifting cultivation; enables forest department to evict 'encroachers' — i.e., Adivasis on their own land."}

- 5 {'step': 'Post-Independence dams & mines', 'detail': 'Sardar Sarovar Dam (Narmada) displaced 2+ lakh; Polavaram dam in AP, Tipaimukh in Manipur. Mining in Jharkhand/Odisha/Chhattisgarh continued the alienation.'}

TRY IT · SOLVE BEFORE YOU PEEK

Quick Test — Adivasi Section

Work it out before you flip the answer.

SOLUTION

TOPIC

OBCs & The Mandal Moment

POINT 1

POINT 2

POINT 3

POINT 4

TOPIC

D

Part D - Women & Patriarchy

TOPIC

The Sex Ratio Tells the Story

TOPIC

Patriarchy as a Structure — Where It Bites

POINT 1

POINT 2

POINT 3

POINT 4

TOPPER TEMPLATE · MARK-BY-MARK

Topper Template — 5M on Declining Sex Ratio

TOPIC

E

Part E · Disability — From Invisibility to Rights

TOPIC

The Long Road from Charity to Rights

POINT 1

POINT 2

POINT 3

POINT 4

PYQ PATTERNS

PYQ Patterns — What Examiners Repeatedly Ask

MARKS DISTRIBUTION

Where Marks Live in This Chapter (last 10 yrs)

PYQ PATTERNS

Top PYQ patterns to drill

#1	Distinguish prejudice / stereotype / discrimination (3 marks)	85%
#2	Constitutional safeguards for Dalits/SCs (5 marks)	78%
#3	Impact of colonial Forest Acts on Adivasis (5 marks)	68%
#4	Why is declining sex ratio a concern? (5 marks)	60%
#5	Social exclusion vs poverty (3 marks)	45%

RECAP · MEMORISE THESE

Chapter in 90 Seconds

1 Inequality is **STRUCTURAL**; exclusion is **GROUP**-based; discrimination is **ACTION**; prejudice is **ATTITUDE**

2 Caste: Art 17, 15, 46 + SC/ST Atrocities Act 1989 — abolished in law, persists in practice

3 Adivasis: Forest Acts 1865/1878/1927 dispossessed; PESA 1996 + FRA 2006 attempt to restore

4 Women: patriarchy is structural — sex ratio (945→919), Dowry Act 1961, DV Act 2005, POSH 2013

5 Disability: from invisibility → PWD 1995 → RPwD 2016 (21 categories, social model)

6 Affirmative action goes beyond quotas — Atrocities Act, scholarships, sub-plans, hostels

WHAT'S NEXT

Coming Up Next



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