**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY**

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**SOCIAL STRATIFICATION (108)**

**TUTORIAL QUESTIONS 2021**

1. **Write an essay describing who the ‘precariat’ are and how they differ from the proletariat described by Karl Marx?**

**(Suggested readings)**

1. Guy Standing. 2011 *The Precariat*, Bloomsbury Academic.
2. Marx, K. and F. Engels, *Selected Writings, Vol. I*, Moscow: Progress Publishers, 1954. (The Communist Manifesto (February 1848); Preface to A Contribution to the Critique of Political Economy (1859); Capital, Volume I (1867), chapter 1)
3. David Held and Anthony Giddens eds *Classes, Power and Conflict* (Section I – Marx)
4. Eric Olin Wright 2003, Social Class. *In* George Ritzer ed. *Encyclopedia of Social Theory*
5. **The Covid-19 pandemic both highlighted and exacerbated deep urban inequalities. Discuss.**

**(Students should find background reading depending on the aspects they choose to focus on.)**

**(Suggested readings)**

1. Baviskar, Amita and Raka Ray. 2020. Covid-19 at Home: Gender, Class and the Domestic Economy in India. *Feminist Studies* 46(3): 561-571.
2. Chaddha, Gita. 2021. ed EPW 2021 Engage section [Vol. 56, Issue No. 11, 13 Mar, 2021](https://www.epw.in/journal/2021/11) (Selected essays especially the essays by Smitha Patil; Pushpesh Kumar and Debomita Mukherjee; Anita Ghai etc.)
3. Gupta, Charu, S. Shankar , K. Satyanarayana. 2020.The Dangers of Social Distancing: Lessons from the History of Caste in India

<https://bcla.org/reflections/the-dangers-of-social-distancing-lessons-from-the-history-of-caste-in-india/>

1. Selected articles in https://www.coronatimes.net