

JADAVPUR UNIVERSITY

B. A. SOCIOLOGY

ENTRANCE EXAMINATION 2023

TIME: 2 HOURS

FULL MARKS: 50

Answer can be written in English or Bengali

Answer question no. 1 & 2

Word Limit: 400 words for each answer

1. Do you think films reflect social reality? Justify your answer with suitable examples. 25

2. Read the following passage and answer the question. 25

Speaking to a journalist in 1995, George Fernandes, leader of the Samata Party, recalled a watershed moment in his public career:

The idea of getting Coke out struck me [in 1977] when I was the Minister of Communications, prior to being Minister of Industry. I was visiting a village in my constituency. It was summer and hot, and the first thing I did when I reached that particular village was to ask for a glass of water. Someone brought me a glass of water, but the District Magistrate, who is the highest district government official, came and prevented me from taking the glass of water. He said "No sir, this is not for you, you can't drink this water. We have Coke for you." I was very upset and angry. I said "Thirty years of freedom and planning and we have Coke that has reached the villages, but we do not have drinking water that the villagers can consume." That is when my mind said something is wrong. (Coke Returns from India Exile 1995)

Question:

Comment on the above passage reflecting particularly on its relevance to today's India.