

**QUESTION:**

Directions: Questions are based on the following table:

<b>Structure of the Workforce</b>			
	<b>1990</b>	<b>1940</b>	<b>1980</b>
Blue Collar	36	40	32
White Collar	18	31	52
Service	9	12	13
Agriculture	37	17	3
Figures given are as a percentage of the population			

Which of the following can be inferred from the data given?

**OPTIONS:**

- a) White-collar jobs and blue-collar jobs are losing their importance.
- b) There is more than 100% increase in the percentage of service sector workforce during the given period.
- c) The workforce employed in agriculture has reduced considerably.
- d) None of above.

**SOLUTION:**

- (a) Note that the percentage of white-collar jobs is increasing significantly; while that of the blue-collar jobs is decreasing from 36% (the largest section 1900) to 32% (the second largest in 1980) in the given period.
- (b) During the given period, the percentage of service sector workforce increased from 9% to 13% and thus recorded the increase of  $100 \times (13 - 9) / 9 = 44.44\%$ . but since no information is given about the actual change in population, the change in workforce can't be gauged.
- (c) Unless the ratio of population in 1900 and 1980 is not mentioned, whether there was actual rise or fall in the workforce in any sector cannot be determined. Hence the answer is (D).