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What do you understand by dynamics of caste mobility? How did the concept of Sanskritization contribute to its functionality?

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3.2 Caste system in India-Structure and characteristics, Varna and caste, Theories of origin of caste system, Dominant caste, Caste mobility, Future of caste system, Jajmani system. Tribe-caste continuum.

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Sanskritisation

Srinivas's term for a jati copying a locally higher Hindu style to raise rank.

Dominant caste

The group that often grants or refuses the mobility claim.

Westernisation

Srinivas's companion path: English, law, and new jobs instead of ritual copy.

Sacred complex

Vidyarthi's tirtha as a place where Sanskritising groups buy great-tradition services.

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