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Critically describe Dr. B. R. Ambedkar's argument on the origin of Indian caste system

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2022 · Anthropology GS 2 · 15 marks · Caste system in India

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Castes in India

1916 paper arguing that endogamy superimposed on exogamy produced caste.

Annihilation of Caste

1936 text that refused shastric reform and demanded destruction of the graded order.

Graded inequality

Ambedkar's phrase for a ladder in which each rung hates the one below.

Nagpur 1956

Mass conversion to Buddhism as a public exit from Hindu caste.

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