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**Jajmani system : continuity and change**

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2023 · Anthropology GS 2 · 10 marks · Caste system in India

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.

Facts & figures for this PYQ only.

Numbers move. Confirm the latest Budget, Economic Survey or census round. This sheet is for revision, not a substitute for the model answer.

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**William Wiser**

Described jajmani in a Uttar Pradesh village: patrons (jajman) and hereditary serving castes.

**Thomas O. Beidelman**

Interpreted jajmani as an exploitative hierarchy, not a balanced moral economy.

**Rampura**

Mysore village of M. N. Srinivas where service castes were tied to dominant-caste land and ritual.

**Scarlett Epstein**

Wangala and Dalena studies showing irrigation and cash eroding customary village exchange.

**André Béteille**

Tanjore work showing land and tenancy change splitting economic power from ritual service.

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