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Q7(a)

"The Indian party system is shaped by a complex interaction of the country's federal structure, electoral system and social cleavages." Explain

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2021 · PSIR GS 1 · 20 marks · Party System

Party System: National and regional political parties, ideological and social bases of parties; patterns of coalition politics; Pressure groups, trends in electoral behaviour; changing socio-economic profile of Legislators.

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Kothari

The Congress system: a dominant party that internalised competition across India's social map.

Jaffrelot

Analysed OBC and Dalit politicisation, especially around Mandal.

Rudolphs

The Modernity of Tradition: caste as a political association in democratic India.

1989

End of Congress majority at the Centre; coalition and federalised party bargaining become normal.

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