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Q2(c)

Explain how Rawls used the liberal and egalitarian perspective to develop his theory of justice

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2025 · PSIR GS 1 · 15 marks · Justice

Justice: Conceptions of justice with special reference to Rawl's theory of justice and its communitarian critiques.

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Two principles

Equal basic liberties first; then fair equality of opportunity and the difference principle for social and economic inequalities.

Veil of ignorance

Contractors do not know their place in society, which forces them to take seriously the position of the least advantaged.

Lexical priority

Basic liberties are not to be sacrificed for economic gain, which blocks a crude utilitarian trade-off.

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