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Q4(b)

Hannah Arendt analysed a few categories of vita activa. Explain

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Indian Nationalism: Political Strategies of India's Freedom Struggle; Perspectives on Indian National Movement; Gandhi, Tagore, Nehru, Ambedkar, and the socialists.

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The Human Condition, 1958

Arendt's systematic account of labour, work, and action as the three activities of the vita activa.

Plurality

The condition of politics: human beings are equal and distinct, so action is never the deed of one sovereign maker.

Animal laborans

The figure of a life absorbed in labour and consumption, which Arendt feared was becoming the normal condition of mass society.

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