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Q1(a)**Criticism of the institutional approach in comparative political analysis has come up in successive waves. Comment.**

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2026 · PSIR GS 2 · 10 marks · Comparative Politics

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Comparative Politics: Nature and major approaches; political economy and political sociology perspectives; limitations of the comparative method.

Facts & figures for this PYQ only.

Numbers move. Confirm the latest Budget, Economic Survey or census round.

Behavioural Revolution

Shifted comparative focus from formal legal texts to empirical political behaviour and political culture during the 1950s and 1960s.

Historical Institutionalism

Emphasized path dependency and how initial institutional choices constrain future political development.

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