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Q2(a)**Discuss the factors responsible for the changing nature of states in contemporary industrial societies and explain its impact**

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State in comparative perspective: Characteristics and changing nature of the State in capitalist and socialist economies, and, advanced industrial and developing societies.

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Keynesian Welfare State

Post-war model characterized by state-led demand management, full employment policies, and comprehensive social security.

Competition State

Theoretical framework positing that states must prioritize economic competitiveness and labor flexibility over domestic welfare provision.

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