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Q4(c)

"Anomie is rooted in social structure." Explain with reference to R.K. Merton's contribution.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2015 · Sociology GS 1 · 15 marks · Sociological Thinkers: Karl Marx

Sociological Thinkers: Karl Marx - Historical materialism, mode of production, alienation, class struggle; Emile Durkheim - Division of labour, social fact, suicide, religion and society; Max Weber - Social action, ideal types, authority, bureaucracy, protestant ethic and the spirit of capitalism; Talcott Parsons - Social system, pattern variables; Robert K. Merton - Latent and manifest functions, conformity and deviance, reference groups; Mead - Self and identity.

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Merton anomie

Strain between culturally approved goals and legitimate access to means.

Innovation

Approved goals with illegitimate means; Merton's sketch of much utilitarian crime.

Ritualism

Scaling down goals while clinging to institutional means.

Durkheim anomie

Insufficient moral regulation of appetites and of the division of labour.

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