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Q1(b)

Discuss the relevance of historical method in the study of society.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2015 · Sociology GS 1 · 10 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.

Facts & figures for this PYQ only.

Numbers move. Confirm the latest Budget, Economic Survey or census round. This sheet is for revision, not a substitute for the model answer.

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Marx

Mode of production is a historical type; capitalism is not a natural market from all time.

Weber

Comparative history of religion and law underpins his sociology of rationalisation.

Durkheim

Division of labour is a historical movement from mechanical to organic solidarity.

Indian Census

Serial household and work tables make change visible only if definitions are historically compared.

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