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Q2(b)

Describe the functional prerequisites of social system as given by Talcott Parsons. Examined in the context of a university as a social system.

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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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Parsons's four functional prerequisites of a social system.

Pattern maintenance

Latency: transmitting values and managing motivational tension.

Merton

Latent functions of education include closure and credential inflation.

Weberian registry

Files, hierarchy, and impersonality as the university's legal-rational staff.

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