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Q4(c)

Discuss the relationship between poverty and social exclusion

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2016 · Sociology GS 1 · 15 marks · Stratification and Mobility: Concepts

Stratification and Mobility: Concepts - equality, inequality, hierarchy, exclusion, poverty and deprivation; Theories of social stratification - Structural functionalist, Marxist, Weberian; Dimensions - Class, status groups, gender, ethnicity and race; Social mobility - open and closed systems, types, sources and causes.

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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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Social exclusion

Shutting out from work, rights, services, and recognition, not only low income.

Weber status

Honour closure can exclude even when some market income exists.

Merton strain

Blocked legitimate means link deprivation to structured non-participation.

NFHS

Shows intra-household nutrition and agency gaps that a household poverty line can hide.

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