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Q2(a)

Elucidate the basic premises of Davis' structural-functional theory of social stratification. How far is it relevant in understanding contemporary Indian society.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2016 · Sociology GS 1 · 20 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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Davis and Moore

1945 argument that stratification is a functional necessity for placing talent.

Tumin

Showed circular measurement of "importance" and the waste of blocked talent.

Informal labour

Large Indian workforce that is functionally essential and poorly rewarded.

Mandal

Ascriptive political correction of blocked access, unintelligible as mere "interference" with function.

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