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Q1(d)

Evaluate Marx's ideas on mode of production

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2016 · 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.

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Forces of production

Labour power, skills, tools, and forms of cooperation.

Relations of production

Property and command over surplus, defining classes.

Capitalist mode

Generalised commodity production and surplus value in the wage relation.

Base and superstructure

A sketch that later Marxists qualified; easy to vulgarise as economic fatalism.

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