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Q1(b)

Distinguish between fact and value in Weber's Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2018 · 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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Value-relevance

Values select the historical problem; they should not write the answer.

Elective affinity

Weber's term for a meaningful historical fit, not a simple cause.

Ideal type

The Protestant ethic and the spirit of capitalism as constructed yardsticks.

Calling

Lutheran and Calvinist Beruf as a documented religious idea tied to methodical work.

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