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Q2(c)

Evaluate if social stratification is functional for society.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2018 · Sociology GS 1 · 15 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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Davis and Moore

1945 thesis that stratification is a functional necessity of placement.

Tumin

Classic critique: inequality prevents the discovery of talent.

Oakley

Vital unpaid work with low reward, against the importance-pay link.

Caste

Ascribed rank that cannot be read as open functional sorting.

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