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Q8(a)

"The sociological imagination enables us to grasp SOCIOLOGY and biography and the relationship between the two in society." - C.W.Mills . Explain.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2018 · Sociology GS 1 · 20 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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The Sociological Imagination (1959)

Mills's statement of troubles versus issues and the three questions.

Personal trouble

A problem lived in character and immediate milieu.

Public issue

A problem of institutional arrangement affecting many.

Abstracted empiricism

Mills's name for method-rich, history-poor survey work.

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