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**Analyse the relevance of 'Pattern variables' in the study of social change.**

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2020 · 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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**Parsons**

Five pattern variables as the grammar of role expectations.

**Achievement-ascription**

A key pair for modernisation as occupational placement.

**Yogendra Singh**

Modernisation of Indian tradition as selective, not total, variable shift.

**Srinivas**

Caste mobility of style that is not a simple achievement variable.

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