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Q5(d)

State the reasons for the various religious beliefs and practices in pre-modern societies.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2020 · Sociology GS 1 · 10 marks · Religion and Society

Religion and Society: Sociological theories of religion; Types of religious practices: animism, monism, pluralism, sects, cults; Religion in modern society: religion and science, secularization, religious revivalism, fundamentalism.

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Tylor

Animism as a minimum definition of religion from dreams and death.

Durkheim

Religion as the group in sacred form; different groups, different cults.

Weber

Theodicy and paths of salvation as reasons for divergent practices.

Redfield

Little and great traditions as a reason for layered, various practice.

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