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Q3(b)

Critically examine the dialectics involved in each mode of production as propounded by Karl Marx

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2021 · 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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Mode of production

Unity of productive forces and relations of surplus extraction in a historical epoch.

Fetters

Marx: relations that once developed forces later block them and provoke transformation.

Reserve army

A surplus labouring population that capital uses to depress wages and discipline work.

World-system

Wallerstein's extension: core-periphery capture of surplus on a global scale.

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