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Q5(e)

Do you think Talcott Parsons gave an adequate theory of social change? Justify your answer

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2021 · 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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AGIL

Adaptation, goal attainment, integration, latency: functional problems of a social system.

Evolutionary universals

Parsons: institutional inventions that raise a society's adaptive capacity.

Pattern variables

Dilemmas of orientation, such as ascription versus achievement, used to contrast traditional and modern roles.

Mills

Criticised Parsons's grand theory as abstract and politically quiet.

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