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Q8(c)

Highlight the roles and functions of civil society in a democratic system.

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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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Gramsci

Hegemony is organised in civil society; the state is not the only site of power.

Habermas

Public sphere: critical debate among private persons as a public, a democratic ideal often distorted.

Tocqueville

Associations as schools of democracy and checks on central power.

Putnam

Social capital: trust and networks that can support democratic performance.

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