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Q3(b)

Critically examine how Durkheim and Merton explicate Anomie.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2022 · Sociology GS 1 · 15 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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Anomic suicide

Durkheim: rises when moral regulation fails in boom, crash, or sudden status change.

Five adaptations

Merton: conformity, innovation, ritualism, retreatism, rebellion.

American Dream

Merton's cultural goal of success that outruns the supply of legitimate careers.

Forced division of labour

Durkheim's pathological specialisation without moral coordination of functions.

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