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Q4(b)

Social stratification is claimed to contribute to maintenance of social order and stability in society. Critically assess.

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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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Davis and Moore

1945 thesis: unequal rewards as a device to place talent in functionally important positions.

Tumin

Replied that stratification limits discovery of talent and justifies itself after the fact.

Mandal

Conflict over OBC ranking in the state; "stability" was precisely what was in dispute.

Wallerstein

World-system stratification can stabilise cores while locking peripheries into dependent roles.

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