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Q6(b)

Explain Max Weber's theory of social stratification. How does Weber's idea of class differ from that of Marx?

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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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Class situation

Weber's term for typical market chances that define a class.

Status honour

A claim to prestige expressed in style of life and closure, including caste.

Party

Weber's organised drive for power, not limited to parliamentary parties.

Surplus value

Marx's name for the unpaid labour appropriated in capitalist production.

Class in itself and for itself

Marxist distinction between a common position and an organised, conscious class.

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