

WRAP Exams · wrapexams.com

Prelims PYQ, Mains model answers, and copy evaluation. Write to the desk for this paper, a doubt, or the AI waitlist.

ask@wrapexams.com · +91 85951 84903 · wrapexams.com

Q2(b)

What is historical materialism? Examine its relevance in understanding contemporary societies

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2023 · Sociology GS 1 · 20 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.

Facts & figures for this PYQ only.

Numbers move. Confirm the latest Budget, Economic Survey or census round. This sheet is for revision, not a substitute for the model answer.

<https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2023/what-is-historical-materialism-examine-its-relevance-in-understanding-contemporary-societies/>

1859 Preface

Marx's compact statement that the economic structure is the foundation of the legal and political superstructure.

The German Ideology

Marx and Engels's early statement that production of life is the first historical act.

Mode of production

A historically specific combination of forces and relations of production.

Braverman

Analysed the capitalist labour process as degradation and control of skill, still usable for digital work.

Informal labour in India

A majority of workers outside secure contracts, a contemporary form of surplus extraction.

WRAP Exams · Write. Read. Analyse. Practice. · <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2023/what-is-historical-materialism-examine-its-relevance-in-understanding-contemporary-societies/> · ask@wrapexams.com · wrapexams.com