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Q5(e)

Critically examine the roles of science and technology in social change. What is your opinion on their increasing trend in 'online' education and teaching?

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2024 · Sociology GS 1 · 10 marks · Social Change in Modern Society

Social Change in Modern Society: Sociological theories of social change; Development and dependency; Agents of social change; Education and social change; Science, technology and social change.

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Cultural lag

Ogburn's idea that material invention often outruns the norms and institutions that must adjust to it.

Merton's scientific ethos

Communalism, universalism, disinterestedness and organised scepticism as norms of science, often under strain from commerce.

Digital divide

Unequal access to devices, connectivity and skills, which online schooling made visible in India during COVID-19.

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