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Q3(c)

Critically explain the salient features of 'alienation' as propounded by Karl Marx

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2024 · Sociology GS 1 · 10 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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Species-being

Marx's term for the human capacity for conscious, collective, creative production, which wage labour distorts.

Commodity fetishism

Later Marxist term for social relations appearing as relations among things on the market.

Braverman on deskilling

A later extension of alienated labour into Taylorist control of the labour process.

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