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Q4(b)

**Define the concept of 'gig' economy and discuss its impact on the labour market and workers' social security net**

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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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**Platform worker**

A person whose work is organised through a digital application that allocates tasks and often ratings.

**Code on Social Security, 2020**

Indian labour code that defines gig and platform workers as a distinct category for possible social security.

**Precariat**

Standing's term for workers with unstable labour, thin rights and little occupational identity, a useful fit for much gig work.

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