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Q5(c)

Describe the differing principles of work organization in feudal and capitalist societies.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2024 · Sociology GS 1 · 10 marks · Works and Economic Life

Works and Economic Life: Social organization of work in different types of society; Formal and informal organization of work; Labour and society.

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Formally free labour

Marx's mark of capitalism: the worker can change employers but must sell labour power to live.

Extra-economic coercion

The feudal use of political and customary power to take surplus, not only a market bargain.

Polanyi on fictitious commodities

Labour, land and money treated as market goods, which reorganises the whole of social life.

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