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Q3(b)

Are pressure groups a threat to or a necessary element of democracy? Explain with suitable illustrations

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2025 · Sociology GS 1 · 20 marks · Politics and Society

Politics and Society: Sociological theories of power; Power elite, bureaucracy, pressure groups, and political parties; Nation, state, citizenship, democracy, civil society, ideology; Protest, agitation, social movements, collective action, revolution.

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Interest articulation

Almond's function: converting social needs into political demands, often through associations rather than parties alone.

Schattschneider's accent

The observation that organised pluralism tends to amplify already advantaged classes.

Olson's logic

Small groups with high per-capita stakes organise more readily than large groups with scattered losses.

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