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Compare capability deprivation approach with that of social capital deprivation in understanding chronic poverty

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2025 · Sociology GS 1 · 20 marks · Stratification and Mobility: Concepts

Stratification and Mobility: Concepts - equality, inequality, hierarchy, exclusion, poverty and deprivation; Theories of social stratification - Structural functionalist, Marxist, Weberian; Dimensions - Class, status groups, gender, ethnicity and race; Social mobility - open and closed systems, types, sources and causes.

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Capabilities and functionings

Sen: functionings are achieved beings and doings; capabilities are the freedoms to achieve them.

Three faces of social capital

Coleman on obligations and norms, Putnam on civic trust, Bourdieu on unequal network resources.

Multidimensional poverty

Alkire-Foster style measures follow Sen in counting education, health and living standards, not rupees only.

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