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Q4(c)

Critically analyze the sociological significance of informal sector in the economy of developing societies

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2025 · Sociology GS 1 · 10 marks · Sociology

Sociology - The Discipline: Modernity and social changes in Europe and emergence of sociology; Scope of the subject and comparison with other social sciences; Sociology and common sense.

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Keith Hart

Anthropologist who described urban informal income opportunities in Ghana, launching the term's career.

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Indian evidence that informal and unorganised work covers the bulk of the labour force.

Breman on footloose labour

Circular migrants tied to contractors, illustrating informality as a labour regime, not petty freedom.

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