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Q5(b)

Does the structural-functionalist perspective on social stratification promote a status quo? Give reasons for your answer.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2025 · Sociology GS 1 · 10 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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Davis-Moore thesis

Stratification is a universal device for placing talent in functionally important roles through unequal incentive.

Tumin's critique

Functional importance is circular, talent is socially restricted, and inequality has dysfunctions for motivation and cohesion.

Parsonian ranking

Roles are ranked by shared values such as achievement, which can read existing elites as value-realisers.

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