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Q8(b)

How do 'Civil Society Organizations' such as 'NGOs' and 'Self-Help Groups' contribute to grassroot level social changes? Discuss

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Sociological Thinkers: Karl Marx - Historical materialism, mode of production, alienation, class struggle; Emile Durkheim - Division of labour, social fact, suicide, religion and society; Max Weber - Social action, ideal types, authority, bureaucracy, protestant ethic and the spirit of capitalism; Talcott Parsons - Social system, pattern variables; Robert K. Merton - Latent and manifest functions, conformity and deviance, reference groups; Mead - Self and identity.

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SHG-bank linkage

NABARD-promoted model of women's groups pooling savings and accessing bank credit as a grassroots financial institution.

SEWA

Self Employed Women's Association: union-plus-cooperative organising of informal women workers.

NGOisation

The process by which movements become donor-dependent professional agencies, with a risk of depoliticisation.

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