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Q5(e)

To what extent can education and skill development be an agent of social change? Critically analyze.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2025 · Sociology GS 1 · 10 marks · Social Change in Modern Society

Social Change in Modern Society: Sociological theories of social change; Development and dependency; Agents of social change; Education and social change; Science, technology and social change.

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Cultural capital

Bourdieu: embodied tastes and school-relevant knowledge that the education system misreads as natural gift.

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Legal guarantee of elementary education that expanded access while quality and inclusion remain contested.

Credential inflation

Rising certificates required for the same jobs, which can stall mobility even as enrolment grows.

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