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Q1(b)**Critically examine the position of women in the informal economy.**

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2026 · Sociology GS 1 · 10 marks · Sociology

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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.

Facts & figures for this PYQ only.

Numbers move. Confirm the latest Budget, Economic Survey or census round.

Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS)

Data highlights high female concentration in unpaid household enterprises and low-end informal services.

Code on Social Security, 2020

Aims to extend social security benefits to unorganised and gig workers, though implementation remains uneven.

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