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Q2(a)**Describe the impact of capitalist mode of production on society**

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2026 · Sociology GS 1 · 20 marks · Sociological Thinkers: Karl Marx

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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.

Facts & figures for this PYQ only.

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

Karl Marx (Capital, Vol. 1)

Analysed the transition to capitalism and the central role of surplus value extraction and commodity fetishism.

Marxist Theory of Alienation

Conceptualises worker estrangement across product, production process, species-essence, and fellow workers.

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