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Q1(e)**Explain in brief the relationship between social movement, collective action and revolution in bringing about social and political changes.**

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

Charles Tilly's Polity Model

Conceptualized collective action as a function of organization, mobilization, opportunity structures, and collective interests.

Theda Skocpol's State and Social Revolutions

Argued that social revolutions are not merely made but emerge from structural crises in agrarian states combined with peasant revolts.

Neil Smelser's Value-Added Theory

Outlined six determinants of collective behavior, ranging from structural conduciveness to mobilization for action.

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