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**Q8(a)****How are the concepts of nation, state and citizenship interrelated in a democracy? Elaborate**

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Politics and Society: Sociological theories of power; Power elite, bureaucracy, pressure groups, and political parties; Nation, state, citizenship, democracy, civil society, ideology; Protest, agitation, social movements, collective action, revolution.

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

**T.H. Marshall's Theory of Citizenship**

Categorised citizenship into civil, political, and social rights, showing how democratic evolution progressively expands inclusion.

**Benedict Anderson (Imagined Communities)**

Conceptualised the nation as a socially constructed community, imagined by the people who perceive themselves as part of that group.

**Max Weber's Definition of the State**

Defined the modern state as a human community that successfully claims the monopoly of the legitimate use of physical force within a given territory.

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