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Q5(d)**How does Max Weber's 'theory of authority' shape bureaucracy? Analyse.**

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

Economy and Society (Wirtschaft und Gesellschaft)

Max Weber's seminal posthumously published treatise outlining the theory of authority and bureaucracy.

Ideal Type Methodology

A methodological tool used by **Weber** to construct conceptual pure types of authority and bureaucracy for sociological analysis.

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