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Q1(a)**In what ways do class and caste intersect and overlap in shaping social structure?**

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.

Caste, Class and Power (André Béteille)

Classical sociological monograph analyzing the intersection of stratification axes in a Tanjore village.

Dominant Caste (M.N. Srinivas)

Conceptual framework highlighting how numerical strength and land ownership confer local dominance.

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