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Q6(b)

Discuss the changing nature of the problems of working class in the informal sector of the economy.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2016 · Sociology GS 2 · 15 marks · Industrialization and Urbanisation in India

Industrialization and Urbanisation in India: Evolution of modern industry in India; Growth of urban settlements in India; Working class: structure, growth, class mobilization; Informal sector, child labour; Slums and deprivation in urban areas.

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Footloose labour

Breman's term for workers who cannot settle into a stable proletariat.

Contracting

The device that informalises work even inside formal firms.

Home-based work

A female informal problem that labour inspectors rarely see.

NREGA fallback

A rural shock-absorber that marks the weakness of urban informal security.

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