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Salient features of A.R. Desai's Marxist Sociology

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2016 · Sociology GS 2 · 10 marks · Perspectives on the study of Indian society

Perspectives on the study of Indian society: Indology (G.S. Ghurye); Structural functionalism (M.N. Srinivas); Marxist sociology (A.R. Desai).

Facts & figures for this PYQ only.

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Social Background of Indian Nationalism

Desai's key book on class formation under colonialism.

Incomplete land reform

His judgement that abolition of intermediaries strengthened rich peasants more than labourers.

Class state

The view that independent India's state defends proprietary interests.

Anti-functionalism

A standing critique of Srinivas-type solidarity language.

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