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Q1(b)

Which is more significant, the principle of 'hierarchy' or the principal of difference; in inter caste relations in the present day ?

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Dumont

Hierarchy as a purity ideology that still leaks into everyday exclusion.

Beteille

Disharmonic structure: official equality with continuing ranked relations.

Dominant caste

Srinivas's reminder that numbers and land can outweigh ritual height.

Endogamy

The practice that keeps groups discrete even when urban work mixes them.

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