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**Has caste system hindered democracy and adult franchise in India. Discuss.**

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2018 · Sociology GS 2 · 20 marks · Caste System

Caste System: Perspectives (G.S. Ghurye, M.N. Srinivas, Louis Dumont, Andre Beteille); Features of caste system; Untouchability - forms and perspectives.

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**Ambedkar**

Without social equality, political democracy remains incomplete.

**Dominant caste**

Local land-and-numbers power that captures elected office.

**Mandal**

Franchise turning OBC jatis into a national democratic bloc.

**Beteille disharmony**

Vote as equality value beside ranked social structure.

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