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Q2(b)

Discuss Whitehead's contention that caste has potential to displace class and colonial contradiction.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2020 · Sociology GS 2 · 15 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).

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Synecdoche

Caste standing for the entire Indian social character in colonial thought.

Census and ethnography

Administrative tools that rigidified caste as the primary fact.

Desai

Insists colonial capitalism and class remain the political-economic contradiction.

Sripuram

Beteille's demonstration that class and power are not reducible to caste rank.

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