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Q2(a)

Critically examine GS Ghurye's Indological approach to the understanding of Indian society.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2022 · Sociology GS 2 · 20 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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Caste and Race in India

Ghurye's major book on caste features, history, and a critique of racial explanations.

Six features

Segmental division, hierarchy, commensality and marriage rules, disabilities, lack of unrestricted choice of occupation, and allied restrictions.

Hinduisation

Ghurye's view that many tribes are backward Hindus who should be integrated into Hindu society.

Srinivas contrast

Rampura replaced book view with dominant caste and Sanskritization as field processes.

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