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Q3(c)

Describe the main features of Indian new middle class. How is it different from the old middle class?

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2025 · Sociology GS 2 · 10 marks · Social Classes in India

Social Classes in India: Agrarian class structure; Industrial class structure; Middle classes in India.

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Numbers move. Confirm the latest Budget, Economic Survey or census round. This sheet is for revision, not a substitute for the model answer.

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B. B. Misra

Classic historical sociology of the Indian middle classes under colonial rule.

1991 reforms

Liberalisation that expanded private services and a consumption-led middle class.

Leela Fernandes

Analysed the new middle class as a political and cultural project, not only an income slab.

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