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Q5(a)**Discuss the challenges faced by the aged people in receiving 'elder care'.**

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2026 · Sociology GS 2 · 10 marks · Perspectives on the study of Indian society

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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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Numbers move. Confirm the latest Budget, Economic Survey or census round.

Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007

A statutory enactment making it a legal obligation for children and heirs to provide maintenance to senior citizens and establishing tribunals for enforcement.

Article 41 of the Constitution

Directs the State to make effective provision for securing the right to work, to education, and to public assistance in cases of unemployment, old age, sickness, and disablement.

Elder Line (National Helpline for Senior Citizens)

Toll-free helpline number 14567 launched by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment to provide information, guidance, and rescue assistance to senior citizens.

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