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Q2(c)**How does A. R. Desai argue that Indian social classes must be studied through the colonial mode of production? Elucidate**

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2026 · Sociology GS 2 · 10 marks · Impact of colonial rule on Indian society

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Impact of colonial rule on Indian society: Social background of Indian nationalism; Modernization of Indian tradition; Protests and movements during the colonial period; Social reforms.

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Social Background in India (Desai)

A seminal Marxist text by A. R. Desai tracing the impact of British rule on Indian nationalism and social stratification.

Colonial Mode of Production

A theoretical concept analysing how imperialism subordinated pre-capitalist production to serve metropolitan capitalist interests.

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