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Q1(a)**In what respect is M. N. Srinivas' study of Indian village society based on structural and functional perspective? Analyse.**

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.

M. N. Srinivas (Fieldwork Study)

Conducted intensive anthropological fieldwork in Rampura village, Mysore, providing the empirical base for his structural-functional formulations.

Concept of Dominant Caste

Defined by Srinivas as a caste wielding preponderance in economic and political power, coupled with numerical strength in a local area.

Concept of Sanskritisation

Coined by Srinivas to describe the process by which a low Hindu caste or tribe changes its customs, ritual, ideology, and way of life in the direction of a high and frequently 'twice-born' caste.

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