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Q1(a)

Is sociology a science? Give reasons for your answer.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2015 · Sociology GS 1 · 10 marks · Sociology as Science

Sociology as Science: Science, scientific method and critique; Major theoretical strands of research methodology; Positivism and its critique; Fact value and objectivity; Non-positivist methodologies.

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Named sociology and placed it as the last positive science of order and progress.

Durkheim

Treated social facts as things and used suicide rates as evidence of social regularities.

Weber

Defined sociology as interpretative study of social action oriented to others.

Merton

Preferred middle-range theory over a single closed system of social laws.

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