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Q4(a)

"Non-positivist methodology is essential for understanding human behaviour." Discuss.

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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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Weber

Social action is behaviour oriented to others and defined by intended meaning.

Mead

The self arises in communication; behaviour is not a pre-social reflex.

Garfinkel

Ethnomethodology: members' methods produce the sense of orderly fact.

Harding

Unexamined standpoint is a scientific failure, not a guarantee of objectivity.

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