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Q1(c)

Analyze the importance of qualitative methods in social research

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2016 · Sociology GS 1 · 10 marks · Research Methods and Analysis

Research Methods and Analysis: Qualitative and quantitative methods; Techniques of data collection; Variables, sampling, hypothesis, reliability and validity.

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Verstehen

Weber's interpretative understanding of intended meaning.

Participant observation

Prolonged presence in a setting to see interaction as it is organised.

Thick description

Geertz: meaning located in public symbols other readers can contest.

Latent function

Merton: unanticipated consequences often visible only in close study of practice.

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