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Q1(b)

Examine ethnomethodological and phenomenological perspective as critique of positivism

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2017 · 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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Schutz

Brought phenomenological attention to the everyday life-world into sociology.

Garfinkel

Founded ethnomethodology: studies of how members produce a sense of social fact.

Indexicality

Meaning of an utterance depends on context that members fill in as they go.

Berger and Luckmann

The Social Construction of Reality: institutions as sedimented meanings.

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