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Q2(b)

Examine the basic postulates of positivism and post-positivism

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Positive stage: science of observable relations, not theology or metaphysics.

Popper

Falsifiability as the mark of scientific statements.

Kuhn

Paradigms organise what counts as a fact in a research community.

Harding

Strong objectivity: making standpoint explicit can improve, not ruin, science.

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