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Q4(c)

How can one resolve the issue of reliability and validity in the context of sociological research on inequality ?

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2017 · 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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Numbers move. Confirm the latest Budget, Economic Survey or census round. This sheet is for revision, not a substitute for the model answer.

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Reliability

Repeatability of a measure across time, items, or raters.

Validity

Whether the measure captures the intended construct of inequality.

Oakley

Household measures that ignore housework lack gender validity.

PLFS

Periodic labour-force files whose work definitions must stay comparable to be reliable.

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