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Q3(a)

Discuss the importance of interpretative understanding of social phenomena and explain its limitations

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2019 · Sociology GS 1 · 20 marks · Sociology

Sociology - The Discipline: Modernity and social changes in Europe and emergence of sociology; Scope of the subject and comparison with other social sciences; Sociology and common sense.

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Weber

Sociology as interpretative understanding of social action, using ideal types.

Schutz

Phenomenology of the lifeworld: the taken-for-granted stock of knowledge.

Geertz

Thick description locates meaning in public symbols.

Harding

Strong objectivity: name standpoint rather than pretend to nowhere.

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