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Q5(b)

Discuss the importance and sources of hypothesis in social research.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2020 · 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.

Facts & figures for this PYQ only.

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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Durkheim

Suicide rates hypothesised as varying with integration and regulation.

Merton

Middle-range theory as clusters of testable hypotheses.

Weber

Ideal-typical hypotheses about meaning and cause, then historical check.

NFHS

A source of empirical puzzles that can be restated as hypotheses.

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