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Q5(c)

What are the problems in observing social facts in Durkheim's views?

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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.

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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Rules of Sociological Method

Treat social facts as things; discard prenotions.

Suicide (1897)

Used official rates while depending on those offices' definitions.

Prenotions

Everyday concepts that distort scientific observation.

Concomitant variation

Durkheim's comparative way of observing relations among facts.

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