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Q1(d)

Durkhiem argued that society is more than the sum of individual acts. Discuss.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2022 · Sociology GS 1 · 10 marks · Sociology

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Sui generis

Durkheim's phrase for society as a reality of a new kind, not a pile of individuals.

Social facts

Ways of acting, thinking, and feeling that are external and exercise constraint.

Suicide (1897)

Showed that rates vary with integration and regulation, against a purely individual explanation.

Non-contractual basis of contract

Durkheim's argument that exchange already rests on shared rules the parties did not bargain item by item.

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