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Q3(a)

What are the characteristics of scientific method? Do you think that scientific method in conducting sociological research is foolproof? Elaborate

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2023 · Sociology GS 1 · 20 marks · Sociology as Science

Sociology as Science: Science, scientific method and critique; Major theoretical strands of research methodology; Positivism and its critique; Fact value and objectivity; Non-positivist methodologies.

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Comtean positivism

The programme that society can be studied by the methods of systematic observation.

Falsifiability

Popper's rule that a scientific claim must be open to being shown false.

Verstehen

Weber's interpretative understanding of intended meaning.

Hawthorne effect

Change in behaviour caused by the fact of being studied.

Rampura

Srinivas's Mysore village study, later restudied, showing both method and revision.

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