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Q4(a)

What do you understand by 'mixed method'? Discuss its strengths and limitations in social research

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2024 · 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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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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Triangulation

Using more than one method to check whether a finding is an artefact of a single instrument.

Sequential design

One strand first, the other later, for example survey then interviews to explain a pattern.

Integration failure

The common limit in which two data sets are reported side by side and never made to answer one question.

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