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Q1(c)

What is a variable in social research? What are their different types? Elaborate.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2025 · Sociology GS 1 · 10 marks · Works and Economic Life

Works and Economic Life: Social organization of work in different types of society; Formal and informal organization of work; Labour and society.

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Independent and dependent

The independent variable is the presumed input; the dependent variable is the outcome the study seeks to explain.

Stevens's scales

Nominal, ordinal, interval and ratio levels decide which statistics are legitimate.

Lazarsfeld elaboration

Introducing a third variable to test whether an association is direct, mediated or spurious.

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