

WRAP Exams · wrapexams.com

Prelims PYQ, Mains model answers, and copy evaluation. Write to the desk for this paper, a doubt, or the AI waitlist.

ask@wrapexams.com · +91 85951 84903 · wrapexams.com

Q3(c)

What is hypothesis? Critically evaluate the significance of hypothesis in social research

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2025 · Sociology GS 1 · 10 marks · Research Methods and Analysis

Research Methods and Analysis: Qualitative and quantitative methods; Techniques of data collection; Variables, sampling, hypothesis, reliability and validity.

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.

<https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2025/what-is-hypothesis-critically-evaluate-the-significance-of-hypothesis-in-social-research/>

Goode and Hatt

Classic methods text treating the hypothesis as the device that makes a problem researchable.

Null hypothesis

The working assumption of no relation, against which quantitative evidence is often assessed.

Grounded theory

Glaser and Strauss's strategy of generating concepts from data rather than testing a fully formed hypothesis first.

WRAP Exams · Write. Read. Analyse. Practice. · <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/sociology-gs-1/2025/what-is-hypothesis-critically-evaluate-the-significance-of-hypothesis-in-social-research/> · ask@wrapexams.com · wrapexams.com