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Q6(a)

What is science? Do you think that the methods used in natural sciences can be applied to sociology? Give reasons for your answer

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2025 · Sociology GS 1 · 20 marks · Sociology

Sociology - The Discipline: Modernity and social changes in Europe and emergence of sociology; Scope of the subject and comparison with other social sciences; Sociology and common sense.

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.

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Comte and Durkheim

Founding claim that society can be studied with a scientific spirit of observation and comparison.

Double hermeneutic

Giddens: sociologists interpret actors who already interpret themselves and the research.

Survey as partial analogue

Sampling and measurement supply public tests without claiming a physics-style closed experiment.

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