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Although sociology, as a subject of study, overarches all disciplines in social sciences yet it maintains its distinctiveness. Comment.

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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.

Émile Durkheim (Rules of Sociological Method)

Defined social facts as ways of acting, thinking, and feeling that are external to the individual and endowed with a power of coercion.

Max Weber (Economy and Society)

Introduced interpretive sociology (Verstehen) to study social action through the subjective meanings actors attach to their behavior.

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