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Q6(b)**Critically analyse the nature-nurture debate from different perspectives**

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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.

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Cesare Lombroso's Criminal Anthropology

An early biological determinist theory arguing that criminals possess distinct inherited physiological traits.

Margaret Mead's Samoa Study

Demonstrated that adolescent development is shaped by cultural conditioning rather than biological adolescence.

Émile Durkheim's Social Facts

Established sociology as an independent discipline by proving social phenomena cannot be reduced to biological psychology.

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