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Philosophy of Social Science

Scientific Explanation and Interpretative Understanding of Social Sciences

Unit 2

Value–Fact Relationship

Question of Objectivity

Module II**Unit 3**

Selection and Formulation of Research Problem

Unit 4

Concept, Hypothesis and Variables in Political Science

Unit 5

Synopsis Preparation and Research Design

Qualitative Vs. Quantitative Research

Module III**Unit 6**

Types of Designs: Exploratory, Descriptive, Diagnostic and Experimental

Unit 7

Sampling -Types of Sampling: Probability Sampling Techniques

Unit 8

Non-Probability Sampling Techniques

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Major Stages of Research

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Unit 10

Data Analysis– Use of Computer and Internet

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