

Course outline

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Assignment 3

The due date for submitting this assignment has passed.

Due on 2021-02-10, 23:59 IST.

As per our records you have not submitted this assignment.

 1) Max Weber's theoretical and methodological writings are a reconciliation between _____ and _____. Fill in the blanks. **1 point**

- (a) Empiricism and Rationalism
 (b) Rationalism and Positivism
 (c) Positivism and Neo-Kantianism
 (d) Empiricism and Positivism

No, the answer is incorrect.

Score: 0

Accepted Answers:

(c) Positivism and Neo-Kantianism

 2) What does neo-Kantianism postulate? **1 point**

- (a) Our knowledge of the world is absolute.
 (b) Our knowledge of the world cannot be doubted.
 (c) Both (a) and (b)
 (d) Our knowledge of the world is constructed, and hence subject to selection and interpretation

No, the answer is incorrect.

Score: 0

Accepted Answers:

(d) Our knowledge of the world is constructed, and hence subject to selection and interpretation

 3) Who is the author of *Methodology of Social Sciences*? **1 point**

- (a) Comte
 (b) Weber
 (c) Durkheim
 (d) Descartes

No, the answer is incorrect.

Score: 0

Accepted Answers:

(b) Weber

 4) How do cultural sciences differ from natural sciences, according to Weber? **1 point**

- (a) In terms of objectives only
 (b) In terms of methods only
 (c) In the distinctive role of valuations in the formation of the concepts and in the distinctive type of knowledge
 (d) None of the above

No, the answer is incorrect.

Score: 0

Accepted Answers:

(c) In the distinctive role of valuations in the formation of the concepts and in the distinctive type of knowledge

 5) Weber analysed "objective possibility and adequate causation in historical explanation" through **1 point**

- (a) Critical studies in the logic of cultural sciences
 (b) Protestantism
 (c) Neo-Kantianism
 (d) Both (b) and (c)

No, the answer is incorrect.

Score: 0

Accepted Answers:

(a) Critical studies in the logic of cultural sciences

 6) Weber discussed ethical neutrality in **1 point**

- (a) Sociology and Psychology
 (b) Sociology and Economics
 (c) Sociology and Literature
 (d) Sociology and Philosophy

No, the answer is incorrect.

Score: 0

Accepted Answers:

(b) Sociology and Economics

 7) Positivism postulates **1 point**

- (a) Science and non-science follow the same method
 (b) Science follows multiple methods
 (c) Supremacy of science over non-sciences
 (d) None of the above

No, the answer is incorrect.

Score: 0

Accepted Answers:

(c) Supremacy of science over non-sciences

 8) Weberian explanation is related to **1 point**

- (a) Positivism
 (b) Neo-Kantianism
 (c) Value relevance
 (d) All of the above

No, the answer is incorrect.

Score: 0

Accepted Answers:

(a) Positivism

 9) Weberian understanding is related to **1 point**

- (a) Positivism
 (b) Value relevance
 (c) Both (a) and (b)
 (d) Neo-Kantianism

No, the answer is incorrect.

Score: 0

Accepted Answers:

(d) Neo-Kantianism

 10) Weberian "objectivity in social science and social policy" is a part of **1 point**

- (a) Protestant ethic and the spirit of capitalism
 (b) Methodology of social sciences
 (c) Interpretative understanding
 (d) Both (a) and (c)

No, the answer is incorrect.

Score: 0

Accepted Answers:

(b) Methodology of social sciences