

Theme 5 Exam

1. Describe two secondary sources of qualitative data.
2.
 - a) Explain two practical factors that may influence a sociologist's choice of research topic.
 - b) Explain one strength and one limitation of semi-structured interviews.
3. "It is impossible for a sociological researcher to be unbiased."
 - a) Explain this view.
 - b) Using sociological material, give one argument against this view.

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'Practical factors are more important than theoretical factors in influencing the choice of research method in sociology.' Explain and assess this view. [25]

'Longitudinal surveys provide a more complete understanding of society than can be achieved using other research methods.' Explain and assess this view. [25]

Explain and assess the view that the most important influence on a sociologist's choice of research method is their theoretical perspective. [25]

'Sociologists who believe that research can be carried out unaffected by their personal prejudices and values are mistaken.' Explain and assess this claim. [25]