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Ans: to the que, NO - 1

Sociology is the study of social life, social change and the social causes and consequences of human behavior.

Sociologist investigate the structure of groups, organizations, and society societies and how people interact with these contexts. Since all human behavior is social, the subject matter of sociology ranges from the intimate family to the hostile mob; from organized crime to religious cults; from the fine divisions of caste, gender and social class to the shared beliefs of a common culture; and from the sociology of work to the sociology of sports. In fact, few fields have such broad scope and relevance for theoretical, theory

## and application of knowledge

Ans : to the que : NO - 2

Sociologists make use of tried and truth method of research, such as experiments, surveys and field research. But humans and their social interactions are so diverse that these interactions can seem impossible to chart or explain. It might seem that science is about discoveries and chemical reactions etc. rather than about exploring the human behaviour.

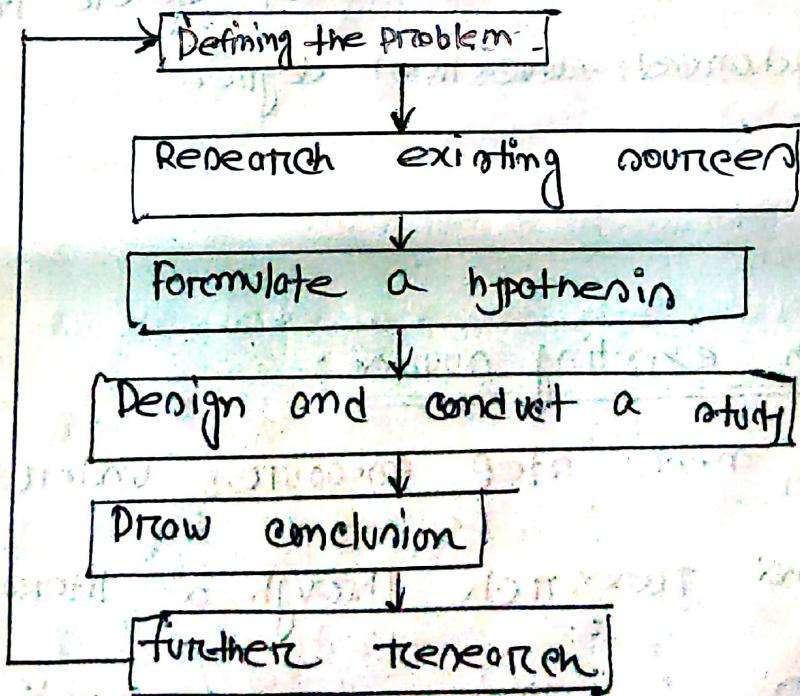
However, this is exactly why scientific models worth for studying human behavior. A scientific process of research establishes parameters that help make sure results are objective and accurate. Scientific method provide limitations and boundaries

that focuses a study and organizes its results.

The scientific method involves developing and testing theories about the world based on empirical evidence.

It is defined by its commitment to systematic observation of the empirical world and strives to be objective, critical, skeptical and logical. It involves series of prescribed steps that have been established

over centuries.



1. Defining the problem: The first step of in any research project is to state as clearly as possible-

what is expected to investigate that is, define the problem, for instance, finding out the earnings of people with different levels of formal schooling.

Early on, social researchers must develop an operational definition of each concept being studied. An operational definition is an explanation of an abstract concept that is enough to allow a researcher to access the concept. In our example, we need to develop two operational definitions - education and earning in order to study whether it pays to get an advanced educational degree.

### Research existing sources:

The next step researchers undertake is to conduct background research through a literature review, which is a review of any existing similar or related studies. For his own benefits, a researcher might sort through existing research about child-

treats vanity, obsession, compulsive behaviours and cultural attitudes toward beauty. It's impossible to shift through all this information and determine what is relevant.

### Formulate a hypothesis.

A hypothesis is an assumption about how two or more random variables are related. It makes a conjectural statement about the relationship between these variables. In sociology, these hypotheses will often predict how one form of human behaviour influences another. In research, independent variables are the cause of change. The dependent variable is the effect. In our example, our hypothesis is that the higher one's education degree, the more money one will earn.

### Design and conduct a study:

Selecting the sample is the most important thing

watch for the scientist. In a random sample every member of an entire population being studied has the same chance of being selected. Also the scientist note that, the research results are both valid and reliable or not. validity refers to the degree to which a measure or scale truly reflects the phenomenon under study. And reliability refers to the extent to which a measure produces consistent result.

### Developing the conclusion

Therefore, the conclusion of a research study represents both an end and a beginning. Although it terminate a specific phase of the investigation, it should also generate ideas for further study. Analyzing the controlling variable of this survey also determines the aspect of this conclusion.

Ans. to the que: NO-3

A social perspective on the traditional family shows

a dramatical change in the few recent decades.

Basically a family performs six parameter functions -

i) Reproduction

ii) Protection

iii) Socialization

iv) Regulation of sexual behavior

v) Affection and companionship

vi) Provision of social status

A dramatic change in the pattern of family has

been visible since the last few decades. The

collapse of extended family and the dramatical increment of nuclear families is a clear example of that.

### ① Reproduction:

Before the reproduction rate in the society was very high. People had a lot of child in their house. But nowadays people are more busy in work and care less about reproduction.

### ② Protection: The protection in the family has not been changed that much. It is almost same as before. As the family functions as a protection.

### ③ Regulation and sexual behaviors:

Whatever the time period or cultural values of a society, standard of sexual behavior are most clearly defined within the family circle. But recently we can see some major changes in sexual behavior.

#### ④ Socialization:

The role of family in socialization is decreased in the current society. Now, people are being more affected by the virtual life and technology.

#### ⑤ Affection and companionship:

Before, affection and companion from the family was very great. But as the people are being developed more towards technology and civilized world, the affection and companionship is decreasing.

#### ⑥ Provision of social status:

Before the social status was very important in the society. People cared about their status more than anything. But, now-a-days society doesn't care much about status than previous time.

So, according to the points that were discussed above, we can say that, there have been significant changes in the family and the traditional function are being changed by time.