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Question / Answers

Q1)

"Pizam and Mansfeld assumptions
Regarding Positivism & Interpretivism"

Ans) Positivism :-

Positivist approaches seek to identify, measure and evaluate any phenomena and to provide rational explanation for it.

Assumptions :-

① Nature of Reality

② Goal of Research

③ Focus of Interest

Assumptions regarding Positivism

① Nature of Reality :-

Researchers warn that, if you assume a positivist approach to your study, then it is your belief that you are independent of your research and your research can be purely objective. In other words, studies with positivist paradigm are based purely on facts and consider the world to be external and objective.

② Goal of Research :-

Positivism relates to the viewpoint that researchers need to concentrate on facts, whereas phenomenology concentrate on the meaning and has provision for human interest.

③ Focus on Interest :-

In positivism studies the researcher is independent from the study and there are no provisions for human interest within the study.

② Interpretivism :- Interpretivism, also known as interpretivist involves researchers to interpret elements of the study, thus interpretivism integrates human interest into a study.

Assumptions :-

- ① Nature of Reality
- ② Goal of Research
- ③ Focus on Interest

Assumptions regarding Interpretivism

① Nature of Reality :- Interpretivism is "associated with the philosophical position of idealism, and is used to group together diverse approaches, including social constructivism, phenomenology and hermeneutics; approaches that reject the objectivist view that meaning resides within the world independently of consciousness".

② Goal of Research

Interpretivist approach is based on naturalistic approach of data collection such as interviews and observations. Secondary data research is also popular with interpretivism philosophy. In this type of studies, meanings emerge usually towards the end of the research process.

③ Focus on Interest :-

Interpretivism studies usually focus on meaning and may employ multiple methods in order to reflect different aspects of the issue.

Q2)

Ans) "I think positivism philosophy is better in the comparison between positivism and interpretivism."

WHY?

(Reason)

Positivists believe society shapes the individual and use quantitative methods, Positivist prefer scientific methods, while other hand Interpretivists believe individuals shape society and use qualitative methods and also prefer humanistic. So, as we see between these two philosophies positivism provide a systematic way of research. This approaches seek to identify, measure and evaluate any phenomena and to provide rational explanation for it. While interpretivism involves researchers to interpret elements of the study.

So, I would like to say that in my opinions positivism is better because, it gives us accurate and authentic result of the research due to quantitative and scientific method while in interpretivism researchers may be interpret wrong and also this research does not give accurate and authentic result.

Q3)

Ans) During the course, I learnt critical thinking and logical analysis, after all I also learnt about different research philosophies and their methods and their impact on assumptions. Research philosophy course teach us to see the world in different way and enable us to describe things in our way.

I find the course very useful in my experience because before this I did not know about how to do research and where to start but after this I am enable to do research due to studies about different research philosophies and their methods and also know about critical thinking and logical analysis. This course helps me in my research and now I learnt how to do research and with what or which philosophy and how to describe it at the end.