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Qno: 1

Pizam and Mansfeld (2009) mentioned some assumption regarding positivism and interpretivism, explain these assumptions from both perspective in details.

ANSWER

### Positivism:

Positivism is a philosophical theory stating that certain (positive) knowledge is based on natural phenomena and their properties and relations. Thus, information derived from sensory experience, interpreted through reason and logic, forms the exclusive source of all certain knowledge. Positivism is the name of for the scientific study of the social world.

Positivism is the term used to describe an approach to the study of society that relies specially on scientific evidence, such as experiments and statistics, to reveal a true nature of how society operates.

Positivism prefers quantitative methods.

Positivism necessitates an ontology that the reality and researcher are separate and the reality is made up of atomistic, discrete and observable events.

## INTERPRETIVISM:

Interpretivism is a school of thought in contemporary jurisprudence and the philosophy of law.

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

Interpretivism may refer to social science, an approach to social science that opposes the positivism of natural sciences.

Interpretivism is a kind of natural law or "nonpositivist" theory since it claims that, in addition to institutional practice.

More over its studies focus on meaning and may employ multiple methods in order to reflect different aspects of the issue.

Interpretivism requires that researcher and reality is internal & society constructed.

Pizam and Mansfeld Assumptions regarding positivism and interpretivism (2009).

Pizam and Mansfeld are the two philosophers, who presented their assumptions in 2009 are given as under.

## Nature of reality:-

According to the both of philosophers that nature of reality of positivism is object oriented and focuses in natural science while on other hand interpretivism focuses on social science and signifies that object and subject of the study is correlated.

## Goal of research:

According to positivism research study the phenomena of the research should be explained and strong prediction should be constituted. while on other hand interpretivism focuses on understanding the subject matter of the study and constitute weak prediction.

## focus of interest:

positivism study of research focuses on generalisability of the phenomena while interpretivism go through specific regarding the subject matter.

## Subject & Researcher Relationship:

In positivism research study subject & researcher are two different things and treated separately while in interpretivism subject & researcher are co-related.

## Disired Information:

The main function of positivism is to know about that "How many people think and also do a specific thing or have a specific problem" while the main function of interpretivism is to know about that "What same people think and do, what kind of problems they are confronted with and how they deal with them."

Now my personal views about positivism research study believe that reality is separate from the individual who observe it. Further they apparently consider that researcher & phenomena to be two separate, interpendant things. on other hand interpretivism believe that reality and the individual who observe it can not be sparated.



Q no 2

When we want to compare positivism with interpretivism, which philosophy do you think is better and why? Argue in detail.

ANSWER

Both positivism and interpretivism are important for the field of research.

Positivism is a philosophical theory stating that certain (positive) knowledge is based on natural phenomena and their properties and relations.

Interpretivism is a school of thought in contemporary jurisprudence and the philosophy of law.

We know that the above both the philosophies play a vital role in the field of research.

But as per my opinion I would use interpretivism methodology in research study because of the following points

- 1) Interpretivism research study integrates human interest into a study because humans are correlated with the phenomena of research.
- 2) Interpretivism research study criticise positivism because of many the statistics it relies on are themselves socially constructed.
- 3) Interpretivism research study improve understanding of phenomena of the research study and increases knowledge about research.

- 14) Interpretivism research study also improves qualitative aspects of the social sciences.
- 15) Interpretivism research study argue that individuals are not just puppets who reacts to external social forces.
- 16) Interpretivism research study focus on meaning and may employ multiple methods in order to reflect different aspects of the the issue.

These are the same facts that I have understood from the study of Interpretivism research study.

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Please write in detail what you have learned during the course and how did you find the course in relation to your job or experience.

ANSWER

The main purpose of research is to inform action, to prove a theory and contribute to developing knowledge in a field or study.

During the course of research I have learned about research beliefs & assumptions, methodology and strategies data education, data collection and data analysis, various research approaches, what is good and what is not good.

Before studying research practices, I have believe that research is always related to activities that are

are hidden and mostly strictly confidential and in our daily life. In addition I believe that these activities are held in laboratories by people who follow some scientific strategies and methodology, but after studying the course contents and its related material in institution I have gained that usually research study is conducted in order to develop and produce knowledge relevant to the any particular interest.

With this regard the difference between the researchers are in their research approaches, strategies and philosophies. This difference are their perception and how the knowledge can be created and constructed in a rigorous and



and meaningfully way in order to  
Answer an research problems.

So research studies improved my  
knowlege about it. procedures,  
methodologies and various approaches  
used in solving research problems.

Acording to my experience about  
research studies I think that it  
will be very helpfull in preparing  
final research in MS. Because  
research report is an essential part  
of being a student of Ms. so I  
think that it will be very good  
experience to me to use this  
knowlege that I have generated  
during the course.

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