

method

attain knowledge of it

are to research
what 'footings' are to
a house: they form
the foundations of
the whole edifice

هي البحث عن ماهية "القواعد" للمنزل: فهي تشكل أسس الصرح باكمله

ONTOLOGY

'being or existence science

الانطولوجيا المعروف بعلم الوجود

identifies the nature and shape of social reality and what can be recognized

can be recognized about this reality

A view of the nature of reality - whether it is external or internal to the knower

Examples of ontological questions

• What is a thing?

- What are the fundamental parts of the world?
- How they are related to each other?

يقود السؤال الأنطولوجي الباحث إلى السؤال عن نوح الواقع الموجود: واقع واحد أو واقع أو عدة حقائق (متعددة) مبنية اجتماعيا The ontological question leads the investigator to ask what type of reality is existent: a single, reality or socially constructed several (multiple) realities

Objectivism: holds that there is an independent reality- External reality

الموضوعية: ترى أن هناك حقيقة مستقلة - واقع خارجي

, reality or

2.Constructionism: assumes that reality is the product of social processes- Constructed reality.

البنائية: تفترض أن -2 الواقع هو نتاج العمليات الاجتماعية - الواقع المبنى

**Epistemology** 

The study of knowledge

نظرية المعرفة

➤ Its nature

➤ Its possible scope ➤Its necessary limits

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knowledge or understanding

is the philosophy of knowledge or how we come to know

Epistemology is closely
Iinked to ontology and
methodology

Types of Knowledge

1. Practical knowledge: knowledge that is skills-based.

e.g. being able to drive or use a computer.

2. Knowledge by acquaintance: knowledge that

involve facts but familiarity with someone or an objects, e.g. I know my mother, I know what an apple

looks like.

3. Factual knowledge: knowledge based on fact, e.g. I

know that the sun rises every morning – I know it is true

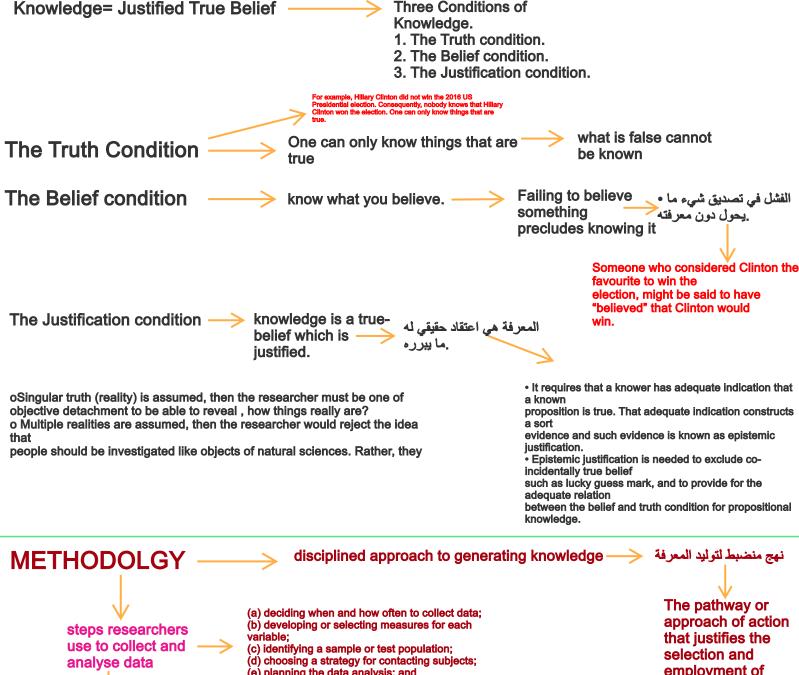
أنواع المعرفة 1. المعرفة العملية: المعرفة القائمة على المهارات ، على سبيل المثال القدرة على القيادة أو استخدام الكمبيوتر. 2. المعرفة عن طريق التعارف: المعرفة التي لا تنطوي على حقائق ولكن الألفة مع شخص ما أو أشياء ، على سبيل المثال أعرف أمي ، أعرف كيف تبدو التفاحة. 3. المعرفة الواقعية: المعرفة القائمة على الحقيقة ، على سبيل المثال أعرف أن الشمس تشرق كل صباح - أعلم أنها المثال أعرف أن الشمس تشرق كل صباح - أعلم أنها

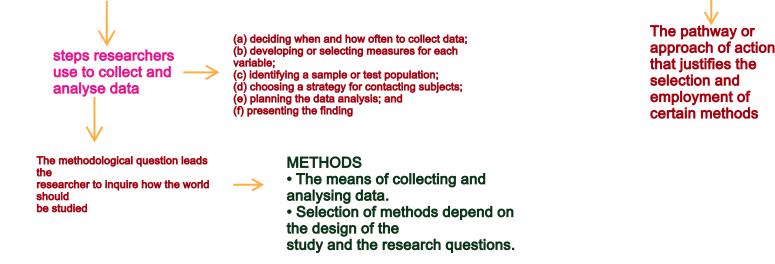
describe a fact or a state of affairs, such as "Dogs are mammals." "2+2=7."

Epistemologists are concerned with propositional knowledge.

 Epistemologists typically do not focus on procedural or acquaintance knowledge, however, instead preferring to focus on propositional knowledge

Note that a proposition may be true or false





Methodology can be viewed as a map, and the method can be viewed as a sequence of steps to move between two points on this map



# Research paradigms past papers

- 1-The study of knowledge is:
- a. Epistemology.
- b. Ontology.
- c. Methodology.
- d. Phenomenology.
- e. Axiology.

## 2-Pragmatism argues:

- a. That you adopt the research philosophy that you want.
- b. That the most important determinant of the research method adopted is the research question.
- c. That you make it up as you go along.
- d. The art of the possible.
- 3-Epistemology is the branch of philosophy that deals with:
- a. The nature of knowledge.
- b. The nature of value.
- c. The nature of existence.
- d. The nature of ethics.
- e. The nature of beauty.
- 4-Which of the following statements is correct regarding etic perspective:
- a. Refers to the insider's view of reality.
- b. Knowledge is objective.
- c. Knowledge is subjective.
- d. It is qualitatively oriented.
- e. Based in an interpretivist paradigm
- 5-Which of the following statements is TRUE in regard to Epistemology?
- a. Comes from the Greek word episteme, which means being.
- b. Focuses on propositional knowledge.
- c. It has no intimate association with ontology and methodology.
- d. Deals with values, as those of ethics, aesthetics, or religion.
- e. A systematic account of existenc

#### 6-paradigm?

- a. Enable researchers to to develop universal laws and findings.
- b. Researchers are critical realists who rely on predefined dependent and independent variables.
- c. Statistical tests can be misused leading to misinterpretation within research due to selection of incorrect test of statistics.
- d. The data gathered and analysed would be less likely to be generalised given the consideration that data were mainly dependent on a specific viewpoints and values.
- e. Its significance is largely dependent on the sample size.

### True about deductive method:

• formulate hypothesis and test theories

### True about etic:

concerned with objectivity

## Wrong about epistemology:

a view of nature of reality

# 7-not absolute meaning for research methodology:

 (definition of methodology, different investigation approaches, disciplined sth to generate

knowledge, study of understanding how research is conducted methodically).

### emic:

• insider's view

# Set of beliefs that guide actions:

paradigms

#### True about pragmatism:

answers research questions from various perspectives

# **Answers**

1. A

2.B

3. A

4.B

**D.** E

6.A