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Question 1

It has been claimed that the conventional definition of social security is parochial, a historical and heavily Eurocentric in that it is derived from the experiences of European and North American societies and hence inappropriate in the context of the socio-economic and political realities of the present underdeveloped social formations. Do you subscribe to this view? Critically discuss.

Question 2

Are poverty and vulnerability synonymous? Critically discuss with examples

Question 3

What do you consider to be the contribution of sociology to the definition and characterization of social security?

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Using concrete data and examples, discuss the assertion that ‘health is one of the impetuses to development’

Question 2

Discuss the viabilities of social work in a medical setting.

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Question 1

Social science research is grounded on a particular philosophical understanding. Discuss with vivid examples.

Question 2

What is social science research? Discuss Max and Weber's contribution to social science methodology