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POLITICAL THEORY

The term 'Polity', 'Politics' and 'Political' are derived from the Greek word 'polis', which denoted ancient Greek city - state.

Scope of Political theory

Political Theory

Focus of study

Method of study

Political concepts and ideas

Political Institutions and behaviours

descriptive scientific method

normative philosophical method

What is scientific method?

The method of study which focuses on the observation of facts through sense - experience (that is the

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experience of obtained through sight, sound, smell, taste and touch. Its purpose is to obtain reliable knowledge about facts and give explanation of events.

10 What is Normative method?  
The method of study which seeks to determine as to what we ought to do. It is the arena of reflection on our values and ideals.

2 Distinction Between method and Approach

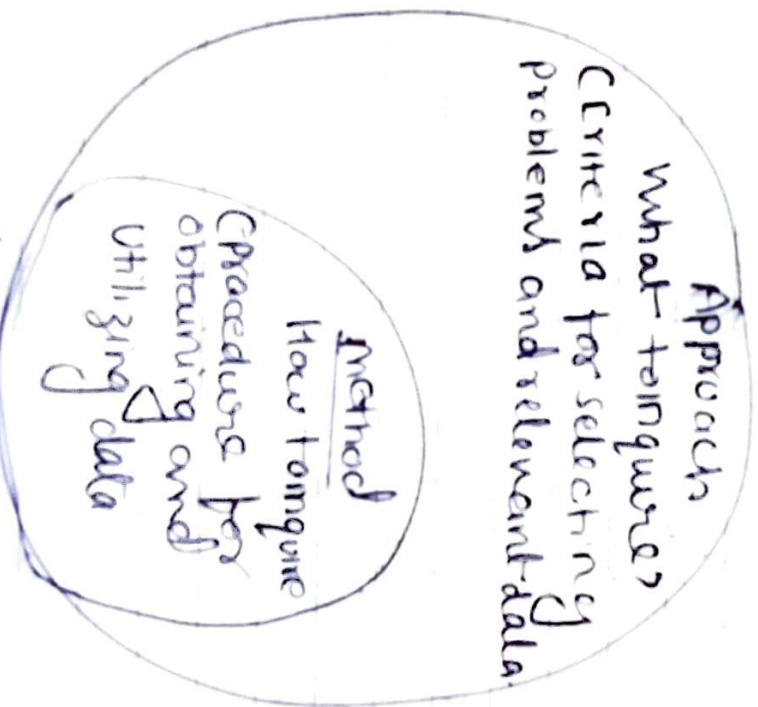
3 Method is a more general term which denotes a particular way of doing something. In a systematic study, method may be defined as the procedure of inquiry by which reliable knowledge could be obtained and reliable conclusions could be drawn.

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Examples of method are

- : Scientific method
- Inductive method
- deductive method.
- comparative method etc.

Approach is a wider term which comprehends not only method (i.e., how to inquire) but also focus of our study (i.e. what to inquire) in order to understand the given phenomenon.



Bigger circle includes the smaller circle.

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Distinction between Empirical and Normative Approaches

The Issue	Empirical Approach	Normative Approach
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Chief concern (Fact/Issue) Values (It ought to be so)

Focus of inquiry Real Ideal

Designed to Discover Determine

Nature of inquiry scientific and descriptive prescriptive and logic

Based on sense experience and logic speculative and logic

Result of inquiry verifiable Debatable

Criteria of validity True and False Right and Wrong