

Part 1: Theory

Answer question 1 or 2

1. Pick one theorist of your choice. Describe the major contributions he/she had made to sociological theory. Include in the description his/her theoretical approach and discuss at least one major work that illustrates that approach.
2. Select from the following theoretical perspectives the one you think has the most to offer sociologists. Discuss the assumptions of the perspective and various uses of the perspective.
  - a. structural-functionalism
  - b. microinteractionism
  - c. neo-Durkheimian
  - d. conflict
  - e. rational action theory

Part 2: Methods/Statistics

3. Distinguish between five of the following pairs, using examples to illustrate your discussion:
  - a. conceptual and operational definitions
  - b. probability and non-probability sampling
  - c. tests of significance and measures of association
  - d. research question and research hypothesis
  - e. qualitative and quantitative research
  - f. reliability and validity in measurement
  - g. basic and applied research
  - h. internal and external validity in experimental design

Part 3: Choose one of the following

4. If you were to recommend two great sociological books to a non-sociologist, what would they be. Defend your choice.
5. Compare and contrast two major theoretical perspectives to the study of any one social problem.