

Part I: Theory **Answer one question**

1. Pick one theorist of your choice. Describe the major contributions he/she has made to sociological theory. Include in the description his/her theoretical approach and discuss at least one major work that illustrates that approach.
2. Compare and contrast any two of the following theoretical perspectives. Please include information describing each of the two perspectives and the assumptions on which each is based, as well as mention examples of theorists in each of the two perspectives.

Conflict theory

Exchange/rational utilitarian theory

Structural-Functionalism

The microinteractionist/symbolic interactionism tradition

Part II: Methods

3. Distinguish between five of the following pairs, using examples to illustrate:
 - a. Qualitative and quantitative research
 - b. Conceptual and operational definition
 - c. Reliability and validity in measurement
 - d. Test of significance and measure of association
 - e. Probability and nonprobability sample
 - f. Null and research hypothesis
 - g. Type I error and Type II error
 - h. Independent and dependent variable

Part III: Answer one question

4. What do you consider to be the major contributions of sociology to the understanding of society? Justify your answer.
5. Pick any current issue and provide a sociological analysis of it, citing relevant sources.