

PART I Theory Answer question 1 or 2

1. Choose 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. 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-Kurkheimian
 - d. conflict
 - e. rational action theory

PART II Methods/Statistics

Select four of the following and distinguish between the pairs of concepts in each:

- a. experimental and non-experimental research
- b. stratified random sample and quota sample
- c. dependent variable and independent variable
- d. tests of significance and measures of association
- e. validity and reliability in measurement
- f. ordinal and nominal level data

PART III Substantive Area: General Sociology Answer question 1 or 2

1. If you were to recommend two great sociological books to a non-sociologist, what would they be? Defend your choice.

2. Compare and contrast two major theoretical perspectives to the study of any one social problem.