

CHAPTER 1

SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY AND RESEARCH METHODS

Multiple Choice Questions

1. Sociology is best defined as the _____ study of social behaviour in human societies.
 - a) systematic
 - b) subjective
 - c) biased
 - d) random
2. The concept of the sociological imagination is associated with _____.
 - a) Émile Durkheim
 - b) Antonio Gramsci
 - c) Max Weber
 - d) C. Wright Mills
3. The major difference between sociology and psychology lies in _____.
 - a) the fact that sociology is analytical
 - b) the idea that psychology is interpretive
 - c) the empirical nature of sociology
 - d) the subject matter
4. According to Earl Babbie, all of the following are fundamental ideas that set sociology apart from other fields *except* _____.
 - a) that societies constrain and transform
 - b) that society creates itself
 - c) that individual personalities are formed by genetics alone
 - d) that institutions are inherently conservative
5. Prior to the Enlightenment, society had been a world of all of the following *except* _____.
 - a) rationality
 - b) magic
 - c) mystery
 - d) arbitrary authority
6. _____ coined the term “sociology.”
 - a) Karl Marx
 - b) Auguste Comte
 - c) Max Weber
 - d) Émile Durkheim
7. According to Émile Durkheim’s concept of anomie, _____.
 - a) people are separated from the products of their labour
 - b) the sacred part of life had become overshadowed by the secular, leaving people in a state of uncertainty