Appendix 1: Undergraduate Entry-Level Assessment Sample Questions

SOCI1301: Principles of Sociology

True/False:

1) In the hypothesis men are more likely than women to support premarital sex, support for premarital sex is the independent variable.

2) Functionalist theorists focus on power in the study of society.

3) For Texans, boots and trucks are examples of material culture.

4) A status is a behavior associated with a certain role.

Multiple Choice:

5) Ricky Bobby wants a nice car and pretty girlfriend. He decides to sell drugs instead of work at his lousy job at the C-store so he can make more money faster. He gets caught and goes to jail. This is an example of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ theory of deviance and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ deviance.

a) labeling, secondary

b) differential association, primary

c) cultural transmission, secondary

d) structural strain, secondary

e) social control, secondary

SOCI1306: Social Problems

True/False

1) Over a period of three years Dr. Barlett interviewed 125 residents of a superfund toxic waster site in Texas to gather oral histories of the impact of the site on their quality of life. This is an example of the quantitative scientific method.

2) Functionalists tend to see the social system as fair while conflicts theorists see the status quo as discriminating against subordinate groups.

3) Culture is the shared beliefs and values of a group of people within a society.

4) The concentration of wealth in the United States is an example of economic social structure.

Multiple Choice:

5) Bill thinks that some people are rich because they have scarce skills that society needs and are therefore rewarded with money to do those jobs. Elena thinks there is some difference in skills but that most people are rich because their families were rich or they use their power to keep themselves rich and other people poor. Bill sees society from a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ perspective and Elena sees it from a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ perspective.

a) conflict, interactionist

b) functionalist, conflict

c) structuralist, functionalist

d) structuralist, conflict

e) functionalist, interactionist

SOCI2319: Introduction to Ethnic Studies

Multiple Choice:

1) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is a set of beliefs and feelings, usually negative, regarding a group or collection of people.

a. defacto segregation

b. dejure segregation

c. prejudice

d. discrimination

e. scapegoating

2) The form of discrimination by an individual in which his discrimination is secret or disguised, even denied, but continues to discriminate against minorities.

a. overt discrimination

b. covert discrimination

c. institutional racism

d. genocide

e. structural differentiation

3) Joey thinks ALL Native Americans regardless of individual differences are alcoholics. This is called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

a. scapegoating

b. discrimination

c. ethnocentrism

d. stereotyping

e. prejudice

4) Judging other cultures by our norms is called to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_:

a. sociological imagination

b. structural strain

c. sociological perspective

d. ethnocentrism

e. cultural relativism

5) Minority groups are characterized by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

a. less power

b. physical or cultural differences

c. usually fewer numbers

d. all of the above

e. a and b