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Chapter 2 Test Bank

1. A discipline's _____ is the lens through which it views reality.
a. Objective
*b. Perspective
c. Concept
d. Method
Ans: B
Answer location: 31

2. Some disciplines are characterized by cognitive discord, meaning:
a. The space between the intellectual content of two or more disciplines
b. The agreement among a discipline's practitioners over the defining elements of the discipline
c. The defining elements of a discipline
*d. The disagreement among a discipline's practitioners over the defining elements of the discipline
Ans: D
Answer location: 34

3. A rule of thumb is to let the problem dictate which categories and disciplines within each category are most relevant to it.
*a. True
b. False
Ans: A
Answer location: 38

4. _____ are enduring aspects of human existence that are of interest to scholars and are susceptible to scholarly description and explanation.
a. Theories
b. Attitudes
*c. Phenomena
d. Assumptions
Ans: C
Answer location: 39

5. Which of these is the correct order for the scientific method.
*a. Observation of phenomena, formulation of a hypothesis to explain the phenomena, use of the hypothesis to predict the existence of other phenomena, execution of experiments to test hypothesis
b. Observation of phenomena, use of the hypothesis to predict the existence of other phenomena, formulation of a hypothesis to explain the phenomena, execution of experiments to test hypothesis
c. Formulation of a hypothesis to explain the phenomena, observation of phenomena, use of the hypothesis to predict the existence of other phenomena, execution of experiments to test hypothesis
d. Formulation of a hypothesis to explain the phenomena, use of the hypothesis to predict the existence of other phenomena, execution of experiments to test hypothesis, observation of phenomena
Ans: A
Answer location: 63

6. Awareness of how epistemological choices tend to influence one's selection of research methods that, in turn, influence research outcomes, is referred to as:
a. The bedrock assumption
b. Epistemology

*c. Epistemological self-reflexivity
d. Epistemic norms
Ans: C
Answer location: 51

7. What dominates the scholarly discourse within the disciplines and often drives the questions asked, the phenomena investigated, and the insights produced?
*a. Theory
b. Methods
c. Research
d. Problems
Ans: A
Answer location: 60

8. A challenge of interdisciplinary integration is reducing conflict between insights by modifying their concepts and/or assumptions.
*a. True
b. False
Ans: A
Answer location: 66

9. According to Repko, the source of all disciplinary elements:
a. Is but one element of a discipline
*b. Is the disciplinary perspective
c. Come from the discipline's epistemology
d. Defines the discipline
Ans: B
Answer location: 31

10. The epistemologies of the social sciences:
a. Tend to embrace a single empirical process
b. Have little or no predictive power
*c. Generate knowledge with an ongoing interplay of values, theories, and empirical evidence
d. Offer a way to understand society by challenging all modernists views of subjective knowledge
Ans: C
Answer location: 46