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Chapter 2 Talk About Theory

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A) How can we predict the future effectively?
B) How do we know what we know, if we know it at all?
C) What is the meaning of reality?
D) What is truth?

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A) They focus on conscious choices made by individuals.
B) They stress the forces that shape human behavior.
C) They believe that people should respond similarly under an identical set of circumstances.
D) They believe language creates social realities that represent fixed principles in a static world.

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A) empiricist
B) phenomenologist
C) poststructuralist
D) rhetorician

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B) Their word selection suggests that people are free agents who can decide to respond differently under an identical set of circumstances.
C) Their causal explanations tend to include appeals to mental reasoning or conscious choice.
D) They usually describe human conduct as occurring because of forces outside the individual's awareness.

5) Determinism refers to the assumption that:
A) behavior is caused by heredity and environment.
B) every human act is ultimately voluntary.
C) environmental factors are usually irrelevant to human behavior.
D) heredity accounts for everything a person does.

6) Human choice is problematic for the behavioral scientist because as individual freedom goes up, _____.
A) predictability increases
B) predictability remains the same
C) predictability of behavior goes down
D) outside factors start affecting predictability

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A) seeking facts.
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C) publicizing significant findings.
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A) prediction
B) control
C) web of meaning
D) All of the answers are correct.

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A) explanation of universal laws of human behavior
B) exploration of meaning
C) interpretation of an individual text in a specific context
D) maintenance of status quo

10) Which of the following best describes empirical evidence?
A) examples of social injustice
B) claims based on personally held ideology
C) data collected through direct observation
D) exploration of meaning or context

11) Most practitioners use the terms "scientist" and "objective scholar" interchangeably.

12) Scientists assume that Truth is singular. They see a single, timeless reality "out there" that's not dependent on local conditions.

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15) _____ is defined as the study of the origin, nature, method, and limits of knowledge.

16) For empirical or scientific theorists, there is one reality out there waiting to be discovered through _____.

17) Griffin separates theories into two "camps": objective and interpretive. Where do you feel more at home? Why?

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Answer: FALSE
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15) _____ is defined as the study of the origin, nature, method, and limits of knowledge.

Answer: Epistemology
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Answer: one's senses
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