SOC 323 Final Exam Instructions

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE YOU OPEN YOUR FINAL EXAM

You have 24 hours to complete your Final Exam. The time at which you open this exam and the time you submit your answers to the Assignment box are both stamped by D2L. The countdown starts when you click to view the questions. So even though you are allowed to use your textbook (and no other sources), make sure that you are ready to complete the work when you click on the exam.

You will then access a list of 15 questions, of which you will select 5. You will answer each of these 5 questions in 300 to 400 words each in a word-processing (MS Word or similar) document, then submit your file to the course Assignment box for the Final Exam.

The questions will cover all chapters in your book. Some may require you to summarize a theory or compare several theories, while others may ask you to use examples. In all cases, remember to briefly define the theoretical concepts that you use in your answer. Remember, this is a sociological theory exam. The point is to show your instructor how well you understand each theory, in your own words, without distorting the theorists’ ideas.

You will see that for some of these questions, 400 words will seem short. You need to work on condensing your writing and focusing on the essentials. Avoid repetitions, only use examples when they are required or really important to show me that you understand the theories.

Make sure to include your name in a header at the top of your exam. Do not type the instructions of each question with your answers. Refer to the questions by their number in the exam.

You are supposed to work ONLY from your textbook, your class notes, and the course documents available in D2L. No other sources are acceptable. Since it is understood that your textbook will be the main source that you use for review purposes only, you do not have to reference it or include a reference list at the end of your exam. Be advised that direct quotes from the textbook or any other source are not acceptable, and will severely lower your grade. You are supposed to rephrase and summarize the theories in your own words to show your instructor that you understand them. Make sure to review the guidelines on how to avoid plagiarism, which are available in your LibGuide. You are allowed to prepare for this exam in groups, but the essays that you hand in should be your own original work. If several students turn in the same answers, it will be considered plagiarism. PLAGIARISM WILL RESULT IN A 0 FOR EACH QUESTION THAT IS PLAGIARIZED.