Sociology 1

Chapter 1 Study Guide

**Define** (20 pts.)

Sociologists Research Methods-

Sociological Imagination-

Sociological Perspectives-

* Functionalist-
* Conflict-
* Interactionist-

Symbolic Interaction-

Latent function-

Social Darwinism-

*Verstehen*-

Symbol-

Group Roles-

* Task Roles-
* Personal and/or social roles-
* Dysfunctional and/or individualistic roles-

Characteristics of a social group-

Founders-

* Auguste Comte-
* Herbert Spencer-
* Karl Marx-
* Émile Durkheim-
* Max Weber-

**Essay Topics** (30 pts.) Two questions from the following essays questions will be provided on the test. You will then have to pick one of those essay questions to complete.

1. Create what you would think to be the “perfect” group of five people using group roles’ terminology and definitions. Explain your reasoning throughout.
2. Imagine and describe two situations where sociological imagination could be used. Include how it could be viewed if we were detached from the situation and then what is could be when we apply sociological imagination.
3. Define a sociological problem that you would want to understand better and describe the research process that you would use in order to present your conclusions in a thorough matter. All the steps must be included and explained in order to gain full credit.
4. Describe in detail how sociology became its own area of study. Then pick two founders of sociology and describe in detail their lives, their perspectives, what they believed, and what their impact on sociology was.