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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

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- *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