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Question	Answer	A	B
A synonym for 'proposition' is	b	condition	universal statement
What is the role of 'conditions' in theoretical explanations?	a	conditions relate the propositions to the phenomena to be explained	conditions state whether hypotheses are true or not
Consider the following two statements: (A) 'The higher one's education, the higher one's income' and (B) 'In the year 1980 men were on average higher educated than women in France'. Which statement is a proposition?	a	Statement (A)	Statement (B)
A theory does <u>not</u> ...	c	explain phenonema	predict new phenonema
A tautology is a statement which is:	a	logically true	logically false
A theory's 'information content' is made up of:	c	empirical success and truth	conditions and hypotheses
A typology is the same as:	b	a theoretical tool	a way of classifying reality
Which of the following best describes these propositions: P1: "Students who study less than 10 hours will fail the test" P2: "Students who study less than 10 hours will fail the test and the presentation"	c	P1 has higher theoretical precision and broader scope than P2.	P1 has same theoretical scope as P2, but P1 has higher theoretical precision than P2
A deeper explanation is the same as	c	Type of explanation which has a high degree of empirical success	Type of explanation that specificies the ultimate causes of social phenomena

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Read carefully through the following three statements: "(1) Today, it rains in the Netherlands. (2) Today, people who are outside in the Netherlands become wet. (3) When it rains in a country, all people in that country get wet. " Which of the three statements is the "proposition"?	c	statement (1)	statement (2)
Which of the following is an example of a moderation effect?	b	Education has a strong, positive effect on happiness	The positive effect of education on happiness is stronger among men than among women
Which of the following is an example of a 'tautology'?	a	It is possible that tomorrow the crime rate differs between the US and Canada	The crime rate in Germany will increase in the next 10 years
Which of the following ingredients is <u>not</u> true for a relationship to be classified as causal:	c	the cause should precede the effect	the independent and dependent variable must be associated with each other
What is the advantage of using a theory schema instead of a conceptual model?	a	a theory schema clearly identifies the propositions, conditions and hypotheses	a theory schema consists of abstract symbols, which makes it possible to be more precise about the strength of the expected relationships

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C	D	E	Feedback
stylized fact			See 2.2
conditions are the hypotheses that explain the phenomena			See 2.2
Statement (A) and (B) evaluate			See 2.2
phenonema			See 2.2
highly informative			See 2.3
theoretical precision and scope			See 2.3
a stylized fact			See 2.5
P1 has same theoretical precision as P2, but P1 has larger theoretical scope than P2			See 2.3. Theoretical precision relates to the number of excluded possibilities for a certain case. Theoretical scope is about the degree to which the theory is applicable to a wider range of cases.
Type of explanation in which one proposition is explained by another, more general, proposition			See 2.4

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statement (3)	See 2.2
Education has a positive effect on happiness, because of higher income	See 2.7
There is a positive association between alcohol use and delinquent activities	See 2.3. By saying 'it is possible that…' nothing is excluded, which means that even if the crime rates in both countries are the same, the hypothesis is not refuted.
the relationship between the independent and dependent variable should be fully mediated	See 2.6
a theory schema can handle more complicated relationships, such as indirect effects and bidirectional effects	See 2.7

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