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TRUE/FALSE

1 : Criminal justice and human behavior can be studied scientifically.
A : true
B : false

Correct Answer : A

2 : The Chicago School founded by Burgess and Park was influential in our understanding of why children failed in schools.
A : true
B : false

Correct Answer : B

3 : In deductive reasoning, one starts from a general law and applies that law to a particular instance.
A : true
B : false

Correct Answer : A

4 : In using scientific inquiry, in deduction we reason toward observations; in induction we reason from observations.
A : true
B : false

Correct Answer : A

5 : If a number of social scientists agree that a phenomenon exists, they are using intersubjective agreement for objectivity.
A : true
B : false

Correct Answer : B

6 : Grounded theory is used to describe the deductive method of theory construction.
A : true
B : false

Correct Answer : B

7 : A hypothesis is a specified expectation about an empirical reality derived from axioms.
A : true
B : false

Correct Answer : B

8 : A paradigm and a theory refer to two different things. The paradigm is a fundamental model or scheme that organizes our view of something.
A : true
B : false

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Correct Answer : A

9 : Research on criminal justice policy is an example of applied research.
A : true
B : false

Correct Answer : A

10 : The ecological approach to understanding crime suggests that human behavior is partially the result of the physical and social environment where the behavior takes place.
A : true
B : false

Correct Answer : A

MULTIPLE CHOICE

11 : Much of the current social science research has moved from description to:
A : exploration
B : explanation
C : understanding
D : theory

Correct Answer : B

12 : Much of the current research in criminal justice and criminology focuses upon which of the following?
A : basic building blocks of a concept
B : a concepts theoretical counterpart
C : a systematic explanation of the observed facts and laws that relate to a particular aspect of life
D : a principle or law

Correct Answer : C

13 : Which of the following is not an example of a concept?
A : delinquency
B : peer group
C : indoor temperature
D : social disorganization

Correct Answer : C

14 : Which of the following constitute facts related to variables?
A : the empirical counterpart to a concept
B : variables can only be one value
C : more broad than concepts
D : cannot be observed

Correct Answer : A

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15 : In the concentric zone theory of the Chicago School the zone of transition is characterized by:
A : the citizens that formed the core of morality for the city
B : the wealthiest citizens of Chicago
C : low-income immigrants from Europe initially
D : people who relocated from the suburbs

Correct Answer : C

16 : Observation involves all of the following except:
A : conducting experiments
B : interviewing people
C : watching people and detailing what you see
D : statistical manipulation

Correct Answer : D

17 : Which of the following is not an example of a type of statement?
A : laws
B : propositions
C : axioms
D : objectives

Correct Answer : D

18 : Socrates is mortal and observing a number of other people. All the observed people are mortals. All people are mortal. This is an example of what type of logic?
A : deductive
B : observation
C : inductive
D : hypothesis

Correct Answer : C

19 : Which of the following is an example of subjectivity?
A : which rap singer you like the best
B : your score on your first research methods exam
C : whether Judge Wilson has more mistrials than Judge Hughey
D : how much tuition your university charges full-time students

Correct Answer : A

20 : Which type of research frequently involves the inductive method?
A : field research
B : experiments
C : surveys
D : use of existing data such as the Uniform Crime Reports

Correct Answer : A

21 : Which of the following is another word for objectivity?
A : subjectivity

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B : intersubjective agreement
C : attitudes
D : religiosity

Correct Answer : B

22 : Which of the following is an example of a concept?
A : height
B : peer group
C : weight
D : age

Correct Answer : B

23 : Which of the following is an example of a variable?
A : social disorganization
B : crime
C : social class
D : annual family income

Correct Answer : D

24 : Which of the following is not an example of a hypothesis?
A : Males score higher in math than females.
B : Poor children have higher delinquency rates than middle-class children.
C : Why is the sky dark at night?
D : Those who study daily will have the highest grades.

Correct Answer : C

25 : Which of the following illustrates situational crime prevention?
A : use of management, design, or the manipulation of the environment to reduce crime
B : using prison to reduce crime by keeping offenders away from the public
C : increasing police presence in high-crime areas
D : offender home checks

Correct Answer : A

26 : Which of the following are not efforts that you can employ as situational crime prevention techniques?
A : keeping your car doors locked when you park
B : using a steering wheel lock every time you exit your car
C : calling the police immediately after you realize that your car has been vandalized
D : using removable stereo systems

Correct Answer : C

27 : Which of the following is accurate with respect to paradigms?
A : paradigms consist of groups of hypotheses
B : paradigms are ways of organizing our views
C : paradigms are hypotheses linked in a logical framework
D : all these statements are accurate

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Correct Answer : B

28 : Research on a criminal justice related policy is an example of
A : explanatory research
B : descriptive research
C : applied research
D : exploratory research

Correct Answer : C

29 : In an inductive approach to policy development, the final step is
A : monitoring results
B : collecting data
C : analysis of situation
D : systematic study

Correct Answer : A

30 : All people are mortal, therefore Socrates is mortal is an example of which type of logic?
A : deductive
B : observation
C : inductive
D : hypothesis

Correct Answer : A

31 : Dr. Quinn is interested in who is least likely to show up for their trial; those who bond out of jail with the help of a bondsman or those placed in a court sponsored pre-trial release program. The results of the study indicate that those inmates released using a bail bondsmen had a lower failure to appear at trial rate than those using court sponsored pre-trial release. The findings of the study are used to close the expensive court run pre-trial release program. This study is an example of what type of research?
A : theory building
B : applied research
C : basic or pure research
D : a paradigm shift

Correct Answer : B

32 : Independent of opinion is a definition of:
A : an analysis
B : subjectivity
C : objectivity
D : a hypothesis

Correct Answer : C

33 : This term represents a set of concepts and the proposed relationships among these; a structure that is intended to represent or model something about the world.
A : a paradigm
B : a law
C : a theory
D : a fact

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Correct Answer : C

34 : Which of the following best applies to the statement that science is always objective?
A : this only happens in the study of economics
B : objectivity is a matter of intersubjective agreement
C : objectivity can never happen when engaged in scientific research
D : objectivity is always present when a researcher knows all of the variables impacting their study

Correct Answer : B

35 : You count the number of students registered for your research methods class. This is an example of:
A : objectivity
B : subjectivity
C : intersubjectivity
D : theory

Correct Answer : A

36 : When the relationship between two variables is drawn from a theory, it is said to be:
A : a fact
B : a hypothesis
C : a mini theory
D : a paradigm

Correct Answer : B

37 : Dr. Smith is doing an observational study in a local jail and discovers that inmates who are respectful to the correctional officers get more telephone calls than inmates who are disrespectful. What technique has been employed in the study?
A : evaluation research
B : inductive logic
C : deductive logic
D : theory construction

Correct Answer : B

38 : The more a person drinks and drives the more likely they are to be pulled over for DUI. This is an example of:
A : a theory
B : a law
C : a hypothesis that results in a negative relationship
D : a hypothesis that results in a positive relationship

Correct Answer : D

39 : Conclusions drawn about the relationships among concepts, based on the logical interrelationship among the axioms is:
A : a law
B : a proposition
C : an axiom

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D : a statement

Correct Answer : B

40 : Which of the following cannot be studied scientifically in the field of criminal justice?
A : the relationship between the number of police officers on the street and the crime rate
B : the relationship between the number of police officers on the street and citizen satisfaction
C : the role that an act of a deity plays on being arrested for a criminal offense
D : the role that age plays in slowing ones criminal activities

Correct Answer : C

41 : The Chicago School was noted for the study of crime in various sections of the city of Chicago. Which of the following was used to study where crime happened?
A : concentric zones
B : asking people why they left Chicago for other Northern cities
C : interviews with police officers
D : content analysis of newspapers

Correct Answer : A

42 : Which of the following cannot be studied scientifically?
A : physical attributes of humans
B : the purpose of life
C : changes in the number of elephants in the wild
D : astronomy

Correct Answer : B

43 : Operationalization means:
A : the part of a theory that tells us how variables are related
B : the procedures we go through to identify and measure variables
C : the procedures we go through before we can develop a hypothesis
D : the part of a theory that tells us what statistics we can use

Correct Answer : B

44 : Which of the following is most accurate?
A : theory must always come before observation
B : observation must always come before theory
C : theory may precede observation; just as observation may precede theory
D : theory and observation are not related

Correct Answer : C

45 : The primary distinction between a paradigm and theory is based on:
A : intersubjective agreement
B : a hypothesis
C : organization and structure
D : operationalization

Correct Answer : C

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46 : Which of the following is not true concerning theory, research and policy relationships?
A : theory structures research
B : policies can be examined to determine if they accomplish their goals
C : theory should never be used to develop public policy
D : research is consulted to develop public policy

Correct Answer : C

47 : Which of the following characterizes the statement: criminal justice and human behavior often can be studied scientifically?
A : the statement is wishful thinking
B : the statement is correct
C : the statement is inaccurate
D : the statement fails to address problems in studying human behavior

Correct Answer : B

48 : The three main elements in the traditional model of science include theory, operationalization, and:
A : statistics
B : hypotheses
C : observation
D : conclusions

Correct Answer : C

49 : What is the final step in the traditional model of science?
A : operationalization
B : theory development
C : data collection
D : observation

Correct Answer : D

50 : The results of Burgess and Parks study using the concentric circles in the city of Chicago resulted in:
A : the finding that wherever the poorest people live will have the least amount of crime
B : the finding that where the most wealthy people live will have the highest rates of property crime
C : the finding that the crime rate will be the highest in the areas characterized by transition
D : the finding that when people move from one zone to another, they take their criminal tendencies with them

Correct Answer : C

51 : The concept of observation in the language of science means
A : looking at the world and making value judgments
B : looking at the world and making measurements of what is seen
C : looking at the world and making changes in what is seen
D : looking at the world through rose-colored glasses

Correct Answer : B

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52 : Grounded theory is used to:
A : measure how much common sense went into a specific theory
B : describe the inductive method of theory construction
C : describe the deductive method of theory construction
D : assess the elements that make up dirt

Correct Answer : B

53 : Which of the following is not a concept?
A : juvenile delinquency
B : peer group
C : a persons grade in research methods
D : religiosity

Correct Answer : C

54 : Paradigm shifts are:
A : shifted to resemble concepts
B : concepts shifted to paradigms
C : previously agreed on paradigms that are discarded in favor of new ones
D : previously agreed upon paradigms that are changed over to a hypothesis

Correct Answer : C

55 : Defensible space is:
A : the current U.S. policy for protecting Americans
B : an attempt to understand the link between urban design and crime
C : a movie that demonstrates how to protect yourself
D : the U.S. missile-defense system

Correct Answer : B

56 : Operationalization involves which of the following?
A : testing hypotheses
B : testing theories
C : identifying how you will measure a variable
D : developing a theory

Correct Answer : C

57 : The idea of defensible space can be traced to the work of:
A : Shaw and McKay
B : Newman
C : David Takeuchi
D : Maxfield and Babbie

Correct Answer : A

58 : The second step in the traditional model of science is which of the following?
A : concepts
B : observation
C : operationalization
D : methodology

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Correct Answer : C

59 : Which of the following is accurate with respect to induction?
A : induction begins with a theory
B : induction starts with observed data
C : induction ends with relationships
D : induction begins with generalizations

Correct Answer : B

60 : Grounded theories refer to which of the following?
A : testing a theory to see if the data fits
B : theories that have been constructed by faculty just beginning their careers
C : the inductive method of theory construction
D : the deductive method of theory construction

Correct Answer : C

61 : If grades go up as the number of study hours go up, this is called what type of relationship?
A : negative
B : positive
C : inverse
D : a fluke

Correct Answer : B

62 : Scientific inquiry in practice typically involves a relationship between:
A : theory and policy
B : concepts and paradigms
C : hypothesis and hypotheses
D : deduction and induction

Correct Answer : D

63 : According to ecological theory, which of the following is not a fundamental principle?
A : crime is more common in urban transition zones
B : crime is more common is suburban transition zones
C : crime is more common where there is a great deal of crowding
D : crime is more common where there is much poverty

Correct Answer : B

64 : Which of the following illustrates the relationship between a theory and a paradigm?
A : theories are collections of hypotheses, while a paradigm uses just one hypothesis
B : a paradigm is more specific than a theory
C : a theory is more specific than a paradigm
D : a theory is a paradigm

Correct Answer : C

65 : Kevin made an observation in a natural setting, then formulated a tentative theory about the observation that explained the observation and then made additional observations. This is an

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example of a/an:
A : grounded theory
B : paradigm
C : inductive illustration
D : hypothesis

Correct Answer : A

66 : The approach with which we select and define problems for research, and figure out how to study them, is directly related to our theoretical:
A : hypothesis
B : inductive illustration
C : grounded theory
D : paradigm

Correct Answer : D

67 : Which one of the following is not a function of theories?
A : They make sense of observed patterns to suggest other possibilities.
B : They shape and direct research efforts.
C : They prevent our being taken by flukes.
D : They help identify the more appropriate ways to view the world.

Correct Answer : A

68 : Beginning with general, theoretical expectations about the impact of organizational characteristics on court operations, Eisenstein and Jacob then collected data to determine the accuracy of those expectations. This process is known as:
A : conceptualization
B : the inductive model
C : the deductive model
D : the traditional image of science

Correct Answer : C

69 : Which is not one of the three key aspects of the overall scientific enterprise?
A : Content collection
B : Data collection
C : Data analysis
D : Theory

Correct Answer : A

70 : Which is an attribute?
A : gender
B : prior record
C : unemployed
D : occupation

Correct Answer : C

71 : Which is an attribute?
A : old-fashioned

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B : age
C : sentence
D : property crimes

Correct Answer : A

72 : Which is a variable?
A : young
B : auto theft
C : gender
D : lawyer

Correct Answer : C

73 : Which is a variable?
A : age
B : fine
C : judge
D : female

Correct Answer : A

74 : Which is not a distinction underlying the variations of social scientific research?
A : Idiographic and nomothetic explanations
B : Inductive and deductive reasoning
C : Implied and explicit causes
D : Quantitative and qualitative data

Correct Answer : C

75 : What does idio mean in the context of idiographic explanation?
A : Distinct
B : Ordinary
C : Objective
D : Scientific

Correct Answer : A

76 : What does a nomothetic explanation seek to explain?
A : A single factor
B : Class wars
C : A class of situations
D : An outlier

Correct Answer : A

77 : Which is not a benefit of quantification?
A : Generalizability of results
B : Easier aggregation of data
C : More explicit observations
D : Possibility of statistical analyses

Correct Answer : A

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78 : Juvenile delinquency is an example of:
A : A variable
B : An attitude
C : A theory
D : A fact

Correct Answer : C

FILL IN THE BLANK

79 : Research in criminology has moved from descriptive studies to those that place a greater emphasis on systematic _____.

Correct Answer : explanation

80 : The logic of social scientific inquiry is based in the use of _____ to guide the inquiry.

Correct Answer : theory

81 : The zone of transition in Chicago characterized by weak families, social institutions and substandard housing produced a phenomenon called _____ disorganization.

Correct Answer : social

82 : When one moves from particular instances to general principles from facts to theories, one is using_____reasoning.

Correct Answer : inductive

83 : A(n) _____ is a fundamental model or scheme that organizes our view of something.

Correct Answer : paradigm

84 : Another word for intersubjective agreement is _____.

Correct Answer : objectivity

85 : The process of specifying steps, procedures, or operations for actually identifying and measuring variables to be observed is _____.

Correct Answer : operationalization

86 : When crime prevention policies try to reduce the opportunities for crime to occur, _____ crime prevention is being employed.

Correct Answer : situational

87 : When a researcher monitors and evaluates results of a program to determine if it is achieving its goals, this step is similar to _____ testing in basic research.

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Correct Answer : hypothesis

88 : Using the deductive model, research is used to test _____.

Correct Answer : theories

89 : Using the inductive model, _____ are developed from the analysis of research data.

Correct Answer : theories

90 : The two pillars of science are observation and _____.

Correct Answer : logic

91 : _____ logic moves from the general to the specific.

Correct Answer : Deductive

92 : _____ logic moves from specific data to general assumptions.

Correct Answer : Inductive

ESSAY

93 : Identify a theory that is based upon deductive reasoning and one that is based upon inductive reasoning. Explain why each falls into the category that you suggest.

Correct Answer : N/A

94 : The three main elements in the traditional model of science are theory, operationalization, and observation. Identify a piece of research discussed in class and identify each of the elements listed above for that research.

Correct Answer : N/A

95 : The text details the work of the Chicago School and the impact that perspective had on the field of criminology. What aspects of the ecological approach could be applicable today and why?

Correct Answer : N/A

96 : Your authors present terms that are used in theory construction. Some of those terms are concepts, variables, statements and hypotheses. Explain how those words are related to one another. Use a specific theory to illustrate the relationship. In other words, identify a theory, from that theory identify a concept and variables. From those variables develop a statement and a hypothesis.

Correct Answer : N/A

97 : Paradigms were discussed in your text in part in terms of Thomas Kuhns paradigm shifts. What does this mean and give an example of a paradigm shift in the field of criminology or

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criminal justice.

Correct Answer : N/A

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