

Invitation to Sociology

By Peter Berger

Title: 02-01Cpp.13

1. In Invitation to Sociology, what does Berger argue is the defining characteristic of sociology as a discipline?"

- a. Use of statistics
- \*b. Scientific integrity
- c. Similarity to social work
- d. Trying to make the world a better place.

Title: 02-02Cpp.12

2. Sociology is the theoretical basis for social work. (Invitation to Sociology)

- a. True
- \*b. False

Title: 02-03Cpp.17

3. According to Berger, what kind of person will make a good sociologist? (Invitation to Sociology)

- a. Someone who is very good at statistics and working with numbers.
- b. Someone who is dedicated to making the world a better place.
- c. Someone who also has a strong background in social work and psychology.
- \*d. Someone who is curious about both unusual and mundane aspects of social life.

Title: 02-04Cpp.14-15

4. Sociology is primarily about measuring how much and/or how often certain things happen in the social world. (Invitation to Sociology)

- a. True
- \*b. False

Title: 02-05Cpp.10-18

Type E

5. Arriving home for the first break of the semester, you mention to your parents that you are taking a sociology course. "What exactly is that?" your father asks.

"That's just like social work, right?" your mom inquires. What explanation do you give to your parents to clarify what sociology is? (Invitation to Sociology)

- \*a. Varies. Students should note that social work is an applied discipline, (practice) whereas sociology is about understanding (theory) how the social world works. Sociology is also a discipline that uses the scientific method to try to understand the social world, and adherence to the methods and ethics of scientific inquiry are key.

Title: 02-06Cpp.11

6. The results of sociological research can just as easily be used to make the world a worse place than a better one. (Invitation to Sociology)

- \*a. True
- b. False