SAMPLE EXAM

Part 1, True/False

For each of the following questions, choose if the statement is TRUE or FALSE. In order for an answer to be TRUE, ALL parts of the statement must be true. On the answer sheet, mark A if the statement is TRUE and B if the statement is FALSE for each question.

(A) TRUE   (B) FALSE

(1) Sociological researchers collect data using techniques such as surveys, content analysis and participant-observation.  (TRUE)

(2) The demographic transition is a model that explains how population growth affects work patterns in agrarian societies.  (FALSE)

(3) Elements of culture include language, gestures, norms and social institutions.  (FALSE)

(4) Correlation refers to change in one variable coinciding with change in another variable.  (TRUE)

Part 2, Multiple Choice

For each of the following questions, select the best answer and mark the letter for that answer (A, B, C, D or E) next to the question number on the answer sheet.

(5) Which of the following is an ascribed status?
   (A) Millionaire     (D) Native American
   (B) Homeless Person    (E) Grandmother
   (C) Single Mother    CORRECT ANSWER: D

(6) Which of the following is NOT a core value of U.S. society as identified by sociologist Robin Williams?
   (A) Material Comfort    (D) Equal Opportunity
   (B) Activity and Work    (E) Freedom
   (C) Family and Community CORRECT ANSWER: C

(7) A statistic that measures the death of babies before their first birthday is known as which of the following?
   (A) General Fertility Rate   (D) Infant Mortality Rate
   (B) Total Fertility Rate    (E) Growth Rate
   (C) Crude Birthrate    CORRECT ANSWER: D
(8) According to C. Wright Mills ("The Sociological Imagination"), society exists at the intersection between:

- (A) Race and Gender
- (B) History and Biography
- (C) Bourgeoisie and Proletariat
- (D) Culture and Language
- (E) Functionalist and Conflict Approaches

CORRECT ANSWER: B

Part 3, Matching Terms

Select the sociologist most closely identified with each of the following words or phrases from those listed below, and mark the letter (A, B or C) for the best response next to the question number on the answer sheet.

- (A) Ascribed Status
- (B) Achieved Status

(9) Female CORRECT ANSWER: A
(10) Student CORRECT ANSWER: B
(11) Mother CORRECT ANSWER: B
(12) Teenager CORRECT ANSWER: A