

**Sample Answer for Question B:**

1. Observation - There are a large number of practitioners of healing touch in the American Health Care system, and this looks strikingly similar to voodoo.

2. Question- Does healing touch actually work? Can the practitioners even “sense” energy from the body as they claim?

3. Hypothesis: Healing touch practitioners cannot sense any energy from the body.

4. Test Hypothesis: The little girl had a number of practitioners of healing touch do a simple experiment where they had to identify which hand the girl was holding out and they were unable to see her hands because of a barrier.

5. Accept or reject hypothesis: Based on these results, we have a strong reason to believe we should accept our hypothesis that healing touch practitioners cannot really sense energy from the body. They often performed at less than chance.

6. Theory Development: There is absolutely no way one could rationally argue for some theory of energy sensation through waving hands above a patient’s body, healing touch must not have any effect on patients or there may be some placebo effect unrelated to the actions of the practitioners.