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**Developing a Research
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- 1 Starting from different assumptions in research may
- ☐ help researchers refine their work
 - ☐ help you see conclusions in a new light
 - ☐ may attract the attention of other sociologists
 - ☐ cause researchers to criticize current findings



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2 What does the passage say about the first step of sociological research?

- ☐ It begins with a research question.
- ☐ It is the most difficult step of all.
- ☐ It is not typically deductive.
- ☐ It is often largely inductive.



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3 According to the passage what may motivate a research question?

- ☐ A desire to correct one's own mistakes
- ☐ Criticism of past theory or research
- ☐ Precise deductive reasoning
- ☐ A decision to use a new approach



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4 In which of the following ways does past research NOT inspire new research?

- ☐ Past research can suggest a new subject.
- ☐ Past research can invite debunking.
- ☐ Past findings may contain errors.
- ☐ Past studies may inspire imitation.



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5 According to the information in paragraph 4, which of these statements about a replication study is true?

- ☐ It usually reaches the same conclusions as the original study.
- ☐ It involves the same researchers as the original study.
- ☐ It focuses on the same people as a prior study.
- ☐ It uses an old research question for a new study.



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6 Which of the following steps is part of a replication study?

- ☐ Repeat existing research with no change in subject or time.
- ☐ Modify everything but subject or time in existing research.
- ☐ Change either the subject or place in existing research.
- ☐ Ask the subjects different questions in the new research.



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7 According to the passage, what is one reason a researcher would conduct a literature review?

- ☐ Past research can help define a new investigation.
- ☐ Reviewing the literature attracts the attention of other researchers.
- ☐ Reviewing the literature reveals an interesting subject.
- ☐ Replicating past research in new studies brings new findings.



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- 8 Digital technology has NOT simplified a researcher's tasks by
- ☐ allowing the scanning of much literature
 - ☐ promoting the use of online databases
 - ☐ offering access to all books online
 - ☐ giving access to discussion groups on the Internet



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9 According to the passage, most research is done

- ☐ on the Internet
- ☐ in libraries
- ☐ with special indexes
- ☐ with paper books



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10 All of the following are steps in sociological research EXCEPT

- ☐ the development of a question
- ☐ replication review
- ☐ a review of the literature
- ☐ library and online research



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