**Directions**: Read pp. 197 – 201 in the textbook and then complete the following tasks.

1. In the fill-in field before each statement, type a **T** if the statement is true or type an **F** is the statement is false. If the statement is false, also write the correct term in the fill-in field before each statement that makes the statement true.

**False** - Transfer payment refers to the average number of years a person born in a particular year can expect to live. **Life expectancy**

**False** - Life expectancy is a standard of living that is below the minimum level considered adequate by society. **Poverty**

**True** - The term/concept, life chances, is used by sociologists to describe the likelihood that individuals have of sharing in the opportunities and benefits of society.

**False** - The government uses poverty to redistribute money among various segments of society by funneling a percentage of tax revenues to groups that need public assistance. **Transfer payment**

**True** - The minimum income a family needs to survive is called the poverty level.

**Type your answer/response in the fill-in fields below the following questions**.

1. Explain the meaning of the following phrase: *Poverty is a relative measure.*

**The phrase, poverty is a relative measure, is based on people who have money but cannot afford the essential daily basics.**

1. How does poverty relate to life expectancy?

**Poverty can affect life expectancy, since people in poverty don’t have access to medical care or healthy nutrients. Poverty is dangerous, as there are many in poverty who are desperate for money or food and could hurt you.**

**Type the correct term for each of the following definitions from the answer bank provided. Please type your answers in the fill-in fields.**

life chances poverty transfer payments

life expectancy poverty level

1. **Life chances** includes such things as health, length of life, housing and education.
2. Two reasons for ill health and shorter **Life expectancy** among poor Americans are inadequate nutrition and less access to medical care.
3. Children under the age of 18 form 25% of the population, but they represent 33% of those living in **poverty**
4. The government establishes a series of **poverty level** that takes into account the number of people in a family.
5. Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) are the two major federal **transfer payments** programs.