

Chapter 1: Conceptual Preparation

Multiple Choice Answers (correct answers shown in bold)

1. Empiricism is...
 - A. Closely related to social constructionism
 - B. An epistemological position that rejects the role of sense perception in knowledge acquisition
 - C. **An epistemological position that foregrounds the role of sense perception in the acquisition of knowledge**
 - D. Based primarily on theoretical work and speculation
2. Which one of the following is NOT a critique of hypothetico-deductivism?
 - A. **Hypothetico-deductivism does not allow for the testing of theoretical ideas**
 - B. Hypothetico-deductivism does not provide sufficient space for theory development
 - C. Hypothetico-deductivism is elitist
 - D. Hypothetico-deductivism is a myth
3. Qualitative researchers are concerned with...?
 - A. Working with predefined variables and concepts
 - B. The identification of cause-effect relationships
 - C. Measuring the occurrence of different experiences
 - D. **Understanding the quality and texture of experiences**
4. Which of the following is NOT used to limit the effect of the researcher on data collection and analysis?
 - A. Standardized instructions for subjects
 - B. **Maximizing the contact between the researcher and the researched**
 - C. Blind and double-blind procedures
 - D. Neutralizing the research environment
5. A defining feature of 'Big Q' qualitative research is...?
 - A. They are characterised by the imposition of the researcher's meanings during data collection and analysis
 - B. The maintenance of strict control over what can emerge during data analysis
 - C. The utilisation of controls to limit or remove the impact of the researcher's subjectivity
 - D. **The focus on participants own understandings**

6. 'Little q' qualitative research is not in the spirit of qualitative research because...?
- A. It is non-numerical in nature
 - B. It focuses on participants own experiences and understanding of phenomena
 - C. It is characterised by the imposition of the researcher's meanings during data collection and analysis**
 - D. It uses inductive coding and analysis