**Module/Unit 4 and Topic Objectives**

**Module/Unit 4 Objectives: Institutions (Economic, Political, Family, Education, Health, Religion)**

11. Explain how each institution is structured and operates in the U.S. and other cultures.

1. Discuss each of the institutions from the functionalist, conflict, and interactionist perspectives.
2. Identify and discuss the problems and controversies associated with each institution, and which segments of society and/or the global community are most affected.
3. Identify and discuss the ways in which your own life, and the lives of others, are influenced by the operations of each institution.
4. List and evaluate solutions to the problems of each institution based on the sociological perspective.
5. Locate and discuss web sites that provide solutions to the problems of institutions, and evaluate their validity.

(Unit objectives that are addressed by each topic objective listed below are indicated in parentheses based on the list above and in the unit objectives located in the Course Resources folder.)

**Unit 4 Topic 1 Objectives – Political, Economic, Family Institutions**

Objectives – After completing this topic, you will be able to:

1. Explain how the political, economic, and family institutions are structured and operate in the U.S. (11)
2. Compare and contrast these institutions in the U.S. with those in other societies. (11)
3. Discuss each of the institutions from the functionalist, conflict, and interactionist perspectives, including commenting upon the usefulness of each perspective in understanding what is actually happening with each institution. (12)
4. Identify and discuss the problems and controversies associated with each institution, and which segments of society and/or the global community are most affected. (13)
5. Identify and discuss the ways in which your own life, and the lives of others, are influenced by the operations of each institution. (14)
6. Begin to develop an approach as to how the problems of each institution should be dealt with, incorporating your own and sociological insights. (15, 19)
7. Explain the importance of these institutions as social forces. (14)

**Unit 4 Topic 2 Objectives – Education, Religion, Health Institutions**

Objectives – After completing this topic, you will be able to:

1. Explain how educational, religious, and health care institutions are structured and operate in the U.S. (11)
2. Compare and contrast these institutions in the U.S. with those in other societies. (11)
3. Discuss each of the institutions from the functionalist, conflict, and interactionist perspectives, including commenting upon the usefulness of each perspective in understanding what is actually happening with each institution. (12)
4. Identify and discuss the problems and controversies associated with each institution, and which segments of society and/or the global community are most affected. (13)
5. Identify and discuss the ways in which your own life, and the lives of others, are influenced by the operations of each institution. (14)
6. Begin to develop an approach as to how the problems of each institution should be dealt with, incorporating your own and sociological insights. (15, 19)
7. Explain the importance of these institutions as social forces. (14)