Theoretical Perspective (Approaches) in Sociology

This assignment is provided to expand the student’s understanding of the theories in Sociology that afford **explanations** of behavior and societal organization. *Be sure to cite all facts, definitions, and descriptions* using APA style of citing and referencing as explained in the syllabus and on CANVAS.

1.Define the terms, Theory and Theoretical Approach, using the text. Then describe Theory and Theoretical Approach using your own words (10 points)

**2**. **Thoroughly** describe the 3 major theoretical approaches in sociology using a minimum of 10 sentences for each theoretical approach. Include points A-C, described below, in your description (45 points).

**A**. **Identify several** major sociological theorists most often associated to each theory and their contributions to the theory using a minimum of 10 sentences.

**B. Define** and identify the major concepts associated to each theory.

**C**. **Discuss** how these concepts contribute to a “theoretical approach” that guides the thinking and research for those who adopt the theory. *Propose a minimum of* ***2 research questions*** *relevant to this theory.*

The three major theoretical approaches in sociology include:

a. Structural-Functional Theory:

b. Social-Conflict Theory:

c. Symbolic-Interaction Theory.

**3**. Using the 3 theories above, discuss (10 sentences minimum per theory) how **each theory** would **approach** the issue of gun control. *Use facts from the theory to support your discussion*. Cite your facts using APA style citing and referencing. (30 points)

**4. Accurate References (10 points) Citations (10 points)**