

## **Chapter 2– Essay Questions**

1. When people in the sociology of sport analyze media content, they focus on narratives and images and use both quantitative and qualitative approaches. Explain what this involves by describing what a researcher would do in a content analysis of the broadcast of a football game.
2. People in the sociology of sport often use a critical approach when they do research. Explain what this means and identify the major concerns that would inform a critical approach to studying youth sport football programme in your community.
3. There are two major approaches to defining and understanding “disability” in people’s lives and in our social worlds. One is medical/psychological and the other is social/political. Explain the differences between these two approaches and how they lead to very different strategies for dealing with disabilities.
4. Your sister is severely hearing impaired, and she is an exceptional athlete. Your family moves to a new city when she is in secondary school. She tries out for the basketball team and is as good as or better than other players, but the coach cuts her because she says your sister is handicapped. You have a chance to talk with the coach and make the case that your sister is not handicapped and has not been disabled in any of the schools she has attended in the past. Present your case in an essay in which you anticipate objections from the coach.
5. You have been assigned the task of doing a research project on the educational relevance of school sports. Indicate which type of theory described in this chapter you would use to guide your project, and explain the methods you would use to collect and analyze data. Finally, identify one critical question you would want to answer with your research.