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**Question Number 1**

Following are the three main sociological theoretical paradigms:

1. Structural-Functional Paradigm

The way of viewing the functioning of the society as a combination of various elements, making it as a whole body. The parts work together to enhance stability in society (Parsons, 2017).

1. Social-Conflict Paradigm

It refers to the ways according to which inequalities promote social discrimination and the displacement of power is not equal in society. This raises the perspective of change according to the societal variable for distinguishing weak from powerful (Burrell & Morgan, 2017).

1. Symbolic-Interactional Paradigm

This paradigm is about the idea that society formation happens through the recognizable symbolic collection as a means for the combination. It focuses on face-to-face interactions (Hallett & Meanwell, 2016).

**Question Number 2**

All the paradigms are essential for the proper functioning of society and to shape its norms and workings. The community works on these three dominant societal paradigms in almost every sphere of life, so saying that I can best relate to one standard would not be accurate. Thus conforming to the three theories, the best I can relate to would be the symbolic-interactional theoretical paradigm. It is because the pattern of communication followed by me and many others are according to the social norms which are considered typical of the particular society. This helped me in making my decision regarding attending college. I have made peers and fellows by complying to the rules and regulations of interactions with the society around me. One more paradigm affected my decision that is a social-conflict theory, because of the discrimination and the power-grasping concept in the community brought awareness in me to gain higher education and do something good for the weak area of the population. Thus I can relate to both the theories for making this decision and many others regarding my existence in the community.

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