## **Chapter 1 Discussion Questions**

### 1.1.1 The Cost of Higher Education

Consider how to apply each sociological theory to the cost of higher education. The theories' names, the analysis level, and the view from the window are provided.

Conflict (Macro and Vineyard):

Functionalist (Macro and Village):

Symbolic Interaction (Micro and Meadow):

### 1.2.1 Social Structures

Write the definition of **social structures**. Discuss how the Industrial Revolution significantly changed two social structures in Western Europe and/or America.

### 1.3.1 Fair Trade

Can you think of examples of other industries that have social problems associated with them, like the Cocoa Industry? How could they benefit from Fair Trade practices? Are there any downsides to Fair Trade practices?

### More Than a Theory

### 1.3.2 Functionalist

Can you think of examples of how social policy has been used to correct a social problem?

### 1.3.3 Conflict

How are social policies kept in place that harm groups of people, and how are the lack of social policies to protect groups of people left unaddressed?

### 1.3.4 Symbolic Interactionist

If you were to interview children, adolescents, and adults working in harsh conditions within cocoa farms, what specific questions would you ask them about their work environment?

### 1.4.1 Anomie and the Great Recession

How did people you know react to the Great Recession of 2008? Can their reactions be explained by anomie?

### 1.5.1 Globalization

Starbucks is just one example of globalization in the 21st Century. McDonald’s is another example. Can you think of other businesses or products that can illustrate globalization?