

Chapter 4: The Role of Interpretation

Multiple Choice Questions:

1. The aim of an empathetic interpretation is to focus on...?

- A. Identifying underlying structures which generate the phenomena under investigation
- B. What is there rather than what might be hidden
- C. Uncovering latent meaning in accounts
- D. Understand a particular phenomenon in and of itself rather than the perspectives of those involved

2. Which one of the following is NOT part of a suspicious enquiry?

- A. Revealing hidden truths
- B. Getting beneath appearances in order to find out 'what is really going on'
- C. Deciphering and decoding evidence to uncovered a deeper, underlying, meaning
- D. Treating data at 'face value' to examine what is foregrounded in accounts

3. Which type of interpretation is most aligned to a critical realist research project?

- A. Suspicious interpretation
- B. Empathic interpretation
- C. A mixed method approach, fully integrating suspicious and empathic interpretation
- D. None of the above

4. Which type of interpretation is most aligned to a phenomenological research project?

- A. Suspicious interpretation
- B. Empathic interpretation
- C. A mixed method approach, fully integrating suspicious and empathic interpretation
- D. None of the above

5. Hermeneutics can be viewed as the....?

- A. Art of questioning
- B. Art of interviewing
- C. Art of interpretation
- D. Art of reflexivity



6. Ethical challenges associated with interpretation are particularly difficult to negotiate when dealing with...?

- A. Realist qualitative research
- B. Phenomenological qualitative research
- C. Empathetic interpretation
- D. Suspicious interpretation