Comprehensive Examination in Organizations

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ANSWER ALL 4 QUESTIONS:

1. The Sociology of Max Weber has been the theoretical bedrock for the study of organizations. Write an essay which (1) outlines Weber's basic ideas on Bureaucracy (2) presents applications from the theoretical literature since Weber's original work and (4) shows critiques of Weber's ideas and how these critiques influenced the research literature.

2. The Sociology of Economics traces its roots to the work of Georg Simmel and Max Weber. Write an essay which traces the development of what is called today, the sociology of immigrant and entrepreneurship. Be sure to show how the original ideas of Simmel and Weber influence "middleman theory," the truncated middleman theory" and "enclave theory." Be sure to give a strong consideration to examples of works which utilize the different theoretical frameworks.

3. Compare and contrast the roles of the different types of capital (social, cultural, human and financial) in entrepreneurship. Are these roles different for the small-scale entrepreneur than for the large-scale entrepreneur?

4. Karl Polanyi in the "Great Transformation" pointed to the social and political limits on the expansion of markets in the nineteenth and early twentieth century and the cataclysms that resulted. What were these limits? Retraces his analysis in the light of the current situation of economic globalization.