Study guide. Exam 1.

These are just some questions to help you focus on what I think is important in those chapters.. Make sure you know the argument of the author and also understand major concepts they use. I’m testing your comprehension of the readings, focusing on major points of those texts as discussed in the lectures, and not so much you ability to memorize some obscure details of the text. Make sure you understand the argument of the author in each section of the text.

Intro and Chapter 1 of Cultural sciences.

Different kinds of knowledge(s) discussed in intro.

Non-scientific and scientific conceptions of order.

Focus on each section of chapter 1. What are the major points of each section?

Chapter 2 of Cultural Sciences.

What’s the major puzzle of this chapter?

Distinction between sacred and profane, and public and private sphere. Why these distinctions matter for Znaniecki’s argument about knowledge?

Why natural technological knowledge developed better than social technological knowledge?

Why technological knowledge about nature developed to begin with and what was the major obstacle to its development?

Why social technological knowledge about public sphere developed so slowly?

What kind of social technological knowledge flourished since ancient times and why?

Reading on common sense knowledge and ideological sages

What is common sense knowledge? What are its characteristics?

The difference between common sense and technical knowledge.

When and why common sense knowledge can become problematic?

Who are novationist sages and who are conservative sages? What are their tasks?

What kind of knowledge is expected from sages?

What is the method employed by sages?

Why the social demand for sages does not go down in the contemporary world?

Reading on technologists

What is technical knowledge (as opposed to technological knowledge)?

When and how technical knowledge can become problematized by those who have it?

Why there is no demand for technological knowledge in relatively simple communities?

In what kind of conditions the demand for technological knowledge arises?

Why the demand for advisers arises? And who are the advisers?

What is the task of such advisers?

That is the task of technologists?

What is the task of technological expert and technological leader?