Chapter 9: Social Structure Theories of Crime II

1. Describe how the ecological principles of invasion, domination, and succession among animals or plants apply to the growth of cities and cause different crime rates among varying regions of a city.
2. Explain how the model presented by Chicago theorists explains the city (or cities) where you live or have lived, and identify such zones in cities you have lived in or visited and the increased risk factors in certain areas.
3. Discuss Shaw and McKay’s theory of social disorganization.
4. Identify some current, modern-day examples of specific cultures or subcultures in the United States, especially in the region where you live or work, and how they relate to crime.
5. Evaluate the criticisms of cultural theories of crime.