Study Questions
Social Psychology
Chapter 1

1. Describe the basic concepts and topics that define the field of social psychology.

2. Describe how social psychology is similar to, and different from personality psychology and sociology.

3. Describe the hindsight bias and the overconfidence phenomenon (lecture only), including their implications and specific examples.

4. Identify the researchers and writers (including their research and ideas) that formed the early history of scientific social psychology. Knowledge of some dates will be important.

5. Describe how research in social psychology has kept in step with secular history from the 1940’s through the current decade (some lecture). Additionally, describe the “confidence and crisis” period of the 1960’s and 70’s, as well as the “pluralism” period of the 1970’s through the 90’s.

6. Describe the “current and future emphases of social psychology,” and examples where applicable (lecture).