DIRECTIONS: Choose Option One or Option Two.
Save two electronic copies of your answer (one with your ID number assigned to you, the other with your ID number and name). Email both copies to Cybele Hinson ch56@txstate.edu. Print and turn in a hard copy as well with both your ID number and name on it.

Option 1: Control theory has long been recognized as one of the more important micro-level explanations for variations in crime and delinquency.

A) Pick a version of control theory (e.g., Hirschi (1969); Gottfredson & Hirschi (1990); Reckless and Dinitz (1967)).

B) What, according to the theory you selected in part A, causes crime and/or delinquency? Be sure to discuss the theory’s key concepts and hypotheses.

C) Design a study to test the theory you selected. Your answer should include: the unit of analysis/sample, theoretical and research hypotheses, operationalization of key concepts, and the method of data collection.

Option 2: Assuming, for the sake of this question, that Mertonian anomie theory is correct about the interrelationships among culturally defined success goals, structured opportunities, and crime rates.

A) Devise a social policy, based on Merton’s version of anomie theory, to reduce crime. Be as specific as possible. Be sure to explain how the policy initiative that you are proposing is informed by Merton’s theory.

B) Explain, in some detail, how the social policy you presented in part A can be successfully implemented. Be as explicit as possible.

C) How might a conflict theorist react to your policy initiative? Briefly explain.