Confessions of An Economic Hit Man – Final Essay Questions

Instructions: Chose TWO questions from the four below. Answer each in 2-3 pages. Write succinctly and draw examples from the book to support your points. If you draw on resources outside of the book, cite them in MLA, APA, or any other standard citation format.

1. On page 157 of Charon’s Why Can’t Everyone Be Just Like Us?, he discusses four ways sociologists approach values and making judgments about others. Using examples from Confessions of an Economic Hit Man, briefly discuss each one.

2. Select one of the three analyses of sexuality from Maciones’ Sexuality (structural-functional, symbolic-interaction, social-conflict) and discuss the role of the women found in Confessions of an Economic Hit Man in these terms.

3. According to John Perkins’ descriptions of countries in which he performed duties as an EHM, would they Egypt that Schneider/Silverman describe be a good target for this type of economic maneuver? Cite two specific examples (with page numbers) from the Schneider/Silverman article to make your arguments.

4. In Confessions of an Economic Hit Man, John Perkins is influenced in life by the institutions and social forces of which he is a part. Using an article from the March 25 section: “The Individual and Deviance: Deviant Compared to What?” discuss at least two social institutions or forces from one (1) article and their influences on the lives of the people described in that article.