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1. The information about street prostitutes gathered by Sudhir Venkatesh is an example of:
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 - a) time-series data
 - b) cross-section data
 - c) descriptive statistics
 - d) grouped data
2. Sudhir Venkatesh increased the response rate of his survey of street prostitutes in South Chicago through all of the following methods except:
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 - a) paying his interviewees for the time they spent doing the interviews
 - b) using “trackers”
 - c) paying the street prostitutes pimps for their cooperation
 - d) hiring people to do the interviews who often were themselves former prostitutes
3. Among the questions asked of the street prostitutes by Sudhir Venkatesh was whether the “john” was black or white. Data about race is an example of a:
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 - a) qualitative variable
 - b) quantitative variable
 - c) qualitative or quantitative variable, depending on how the “johns” answer the questions
 - d) none of these alternatives is correct
4. Which of the following would be the best approach to test for the existence of a “pimpact” - the value to a prostitute of using a pimp as a sort of manager?
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 - a) Estimate the correlation between pimps and prostitutes.
 - b) Hypothesis testing with one sample mean.
 - c) Hypothesis testing comparing two sample means
 - d) Compare means with medians
5. In order to test the hypothesis that prostitutes who use pimps as managers, on average, earn more than prostitutes who set up business for themselves, a researcher to calculate the sample mean from each sample. In addition, the researcher needs to know something about:
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 - a) differences in the wages of the two groups of prostitutes by taking a census
 - b) the population sizes of the two groups
 - c) the standard deviations of each of the two populations using information from the samples as point estimates
 - d) the standard deviations of each of the two populations using the sample means as point estimators
6. Responses in a survey about sensitive subjects should be viewed:
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 - a) as unreliable information
 - b) as reliable information as long as the researcher separates the honest responses from the dishonest responses
 - c) with some degree suspicion
 - d) as reliable, simply because there is nothing a research can do to ensure an honest response
7. When examining the Mexican welfare program known as Oportunidades, researchers found that:
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 - a) no one in Mexico took advantage of this program since the drug lords foster popular support by taking care of the poor
 - b) the value of personal assets were routinely underreported
 - c) the Mexican government routinely underfunds this program
 - d) the drug lords redirect the governments funds for this program to their own benefit
8. Which of the following best answers the question: How is a street prostitute like a department-store Santa?
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 - a) They both provide their services for free during holiday periods.
 - b) Demand for their services is seasonal, i.e., limited to specific times of the year.
 - c) They both wear funny clothes.
 - d) They both take advantage of short-term job opportunities brought about by holiday spikes in demand.
9. The kind of sampling done by Sudhir Venkatesh as described by Levitt and Dubner is:
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 - a) stratified random sampling
 - b) simple random sampling
 - c) convenience sampling
 - d) a census