Sociological Viewpoints

The different schools of sociology present different perspectives on human behavior. After reviewing the material on the different schools of sociology (pages 101-112), complete the following analysis exercise.

How might each of these situations be explained by:
   a) a Structural Functionalist?
   b) a Conflict Theorist?
   c) a Symbolic Interactionist?

1. Why some people sell illegal drugs.
   a) ____________________________________________________________
   b) ____________________________________________________________
   c) ____________________________________________________________

2. Why some drivers always exceed the speed limit, yet others obey it.
   a) ____________________________________________________________
   b) ____________________________________________________________
   c) ____________________________________________________________

3. Why some Canadians are wealthy, while others are poor.
   a) ____________________________________________________________
   b) ____________________________________________________________
   c) ____________________________________________________________

4. Why some people are respectful yet others are rude.
   a) ____________________________________________________________
   b) ____________________________________________________________
   c) ____________________________________________________________

5. Why some students’ study hard, while others skip class.
   a) ____________________________________________________________
   b) ____________________________________________________________
   c) ____________________________________________________________