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PART II
(25%)

1. Do you agree that it is imperative for a researcher to find truly meaningful questions that need to be answered before he/she actually starts working on a research project to tackle the issues? Why? How do you judge if a research question is meaningful?
2. Take Geiger, Lennox and North (Review of Accounting Studies 2007) as an example, elaborate one by one on the questions raised by the authors in the study. Provide your comments on the significance and values of those research questions also.
3. What were the empirical evidences Geiger, Lennox and North collected in each stage of their investigation?
4. What are your assessments of the strength of those evidences, including their respective research designs?
5. Would you suggest any improvements in the above study if you were going to redo the project all over again?