

Introduction to Sociology Fundamentals

Sociology · Answer Key · 10 Questions

1. Who is credited with coining the term 'sociology' and establishing the framework of positivism?

- A) Max Weber
- B) Auguste Comte**
- C) Karl Marx
- D) Émile Durkheim

2. In Émile Durkheim's study on suicide, what was the primary conclusion regarding social integration?

- A) Higher integration decreases suicide rates**
- B) Lower integration decreases suicide rates
- C) Suicide is entirely biological
- D) Religion has no effect on suicide

3. Which concept describes the process by which individuals learn the norms, values, and beliefs of their culture?

- A) Social stratification
- B) Socialization**
- C) Social mobility
- D) Social exchange

4. What is the primary focus of the 'looking-glass self' theory developed by Charles Horton Cooley?

- A) Innate personality traits
- B) Inherited cognitive abilities
- C) The development of self through social interaction**
- D) The biological basis of behavior

5. According to Max Weber, which type of authority is based on clearly defined laws and formal rules?

- A) Traditional authority
- B) Charismatic authority
- C) Rational-legal authority**
- D) Patriarchal authority

6. What does the term 'social stratification' refer to in a sociological context?

- A) The study of animal populations
- B) The hierarchical arrangement of social groups**
- C) The process of urban migration
- D) The decline of religious institutions

7. Which term did Robert K. Merton use to describe the discrepancy between culturally approved goals and the legitimate means to achieve them?

- A) Anomie
- B) Strain theory**
- C) Differential association
- D) Labeling theory

8. What is the definition of 'cultural capital' as conceptualized by Pierre Bourdieu?

- A) The total wealth of a nation
- B) Non-financial social assets that promote social mobility**
- C) The physical infrastructure of a society
- D) The number of citizens in a country

9. What does the 'Thomas Theorem' state regarding the nature of social reality?

- A) If men define situations as real, they are real in their consequences**
- B) Social reality is independent of human perception
- C) Biological factors determine social status
- D) Economic systems dictate all social interactions

10. Which research method involves the researcher living among a group of people to observe and participate in their daily lives?

- A) Survey research
- B) Experimental research
- C) Ethnography**
- D) Secondary analysis