

Foundations of Sociology

Sociology · Answer Key · 15 Questions

1. What is the term for the process by which individuals learn the values, beliefs, and norms of their society?

- A) Socialization**
- B) Stratification
- C) Assimilation
- D) Urbanization

2. Which term describes the recognized and intended consequences of a social pattern?

- A) Latent function
- B) Dysfunction
- C) Manifest function**
- D) Social fact

3. What concept refers to a society's system for ranking categories of people in a hierarchy?

- A) Social mobility
- B) Social stratification**
- C) Cultural relativism
- D) Ethnocentrism

4. Which type of norm is considered a morally significant rule, such as laws against theft?

- A) Folkway
- B) Sanction
- C) More**
- D) Taboo

5. What is the sociological term for the shared beliefs, values, and practices that a group holds?

- A) Culture**
- B) Society
- C) Social class
- D) Status

6. Which research method involves collecting data by observing people within their natural environment?

- A) Experiment
- B) Survey
- C) Ethnography**
- D) Secondary analysis

7. What is an example of an 'achieved status'?

- A) Gender
- B) Race
- C) Occupation**
- D) Age

8. According to Emile Durkheim, what is the term for the shared social solidarity that holds a society together?

- A) Collective conscience**
- B) Anomie
- C) Verstehen
- D) Alienation

9. What occurs when an individual experiences conflict between the expectations of two or more statuses?

- A) Role strain
- B) Role conflict**
- C) Status set
- D) Master status

10. Which theory views society as a structure with interrelated parts designed to meet the biological and social needs of individuals?

- A) Conflict theory
- B) Symbolic interactionism
- C) Functionalism**
- D) Feminist theory

11. What is the term for the judging of another culture solely by the values and standards of one's own culture?

- A) Cultural relativism
- B) Xenocentrism
- C) Ethnocentrism**
- D) Multiculturalism

12. What defines a group that shares a specific identity apart from a society's dominant culture?

A) Counterculture

B) Subculture

C) Aggregate

D) Out-group

13. Which of the following is considered a primary agent of socialization during childhood?

A) Mass media

B) Workplace

C) Family

D) Government

14. What is the term for a social position that is assigned at birth or received involuntarily later in life?

A) Ascribed status

B) Achieved status

C) Role performance

D) Status set

15. In sociology, what is the term for the rules that specify appropriate behavior in a given situation?

A) Values

B) Norms

C) Symbols

D) Sanctions