

Foundations of Sociology

Sociology · Practice Test · 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