

Sociology Fundamentals Quiz

Sociology · Answer Key · 12 Questions

1. What is the primary focus of sociology as a discipline?

- A) The study of individual psychology.
- B) The study of human society and social relationships.**
- C) The study of ancient civilizations.
- D) The study of animal behavior.

2. Who is often considered one of the founding figures of sociology, known for his work on social solidarity and the division of labor?

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

3. What term refers to the learned and shared behaviors, beliefs, and values of a particular group of people?

- A) Social structure
- B) Social institution
- C) Culture**
- D) Social class

4. Which sociological perspective views society as a complex system whose parts work together to promote solidarity and stability?

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

5. What is a 'social institution' in sociology?

- A) A single individual's belief.
- B) A large, complex, and organized set of social norms and practices that address fundamental social needs.**
- C) A temporary gathering of people.
- D) A personal opinion.

6. The concept of 'socialization' in sociology refers to:

- A) The process of becoming less social.
- B) The lifelong process of learning the norms, values, and beliefs of a society.**
- C) The study of how societies evolve.
- D) The act of participating in social events.

7. Which sociologist developed the concept of the 'sociological imagination'?

- A) Max Weber
- B) C. Wright Mills**
- C) Talcott Parsons
- D) Herbert Spencer

8. What does 'social stratification' refer to in sociology?

- A) The study of social movements.
- B) The hierarchical arrangement of social classes, castes, and strata in a society.**
- C) The process of social integration.
- D) The measurement of social networks.

9. Which sociological perspective emphasizes the role of social inequality and power struggles in society?

- A) Structural functionalism
- B) Symbolic interactionism
- C) Conflict theory**
- D) Dramaturgy

10. Who is known for his critical analysis of capitalism and the concept of alienation in his work 'Das Kapital'?

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

11. The idea that people act based on the meanings they attribute to symbols is central to which sociological perspective?

- A) Conflict theory
- B) Structural functionalism
- C) Symbolic interactionism**
- D) Rational choice theory

12. In sociology, a 'norm' is best defined as:

- A) A personal belief.
- B) A formal law passed by a government.
- C) An expected behavior within a society or group.**
- D) A random event.