

Fundamentals of Sociology

Sociology · Answer Key · 12 Questions

1. Who is widely considered the father of sociology and coined the term in 1838?

A) Auguste Comte

B) Karl Marx

C) Max Weber

D) Émile Durkheim

2. What is the term for a group of people who share a common culture and live in a defined territory?

A) A clique

B) A society

C) A demographic

D) A corporation

3. Which social institution is primarily responsible for the primary socialization of children?

A) The government

B) The economy

C) The family

D) The media

4. What term describes the position a person occupies in a social structure, such as 'teacher' or 'student'?

A) Social status

B) Social mobility

C) Social norm

D) Social deviance

5. Which sociologist is famous for his study on suicide and the concept of 'social facts'?

A) Herbert Spencer

B) Émile Durkheim

C) Talcott Parsons

D) George Herbert Mead

6. What do sociologists call the shared rules of conduct that tell people how to act in specific situations?

- A) Values
- B) Laws
- C) Norms**
- D) Traditions

7. Which research method involves collecting data by asking a large number of people a set of fixed questions?

- A) Survey**
- B) Experiment
- C) Case study
- D) Observation

8. What concept refers to the movement of individuals or groups between different social positions?

- A) Social integration
- B) Social mobility**
- C) Social stratification
- D) Social change

9. Which theoretical perspective views society as a complex system whose parts work together to promote stability?

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

10. What is the term for the lifelong process through which people learn the values and norms of their society?

- A) Acculturation
- B) Assimilation
- C) Socialization**
- D) Internalization

11. Which sociologist famously analyzed the 'Protestant ethic' and its relationship to the development of capitalism?

- A) Max Weber**
- B) Karl Marx
- C) Auguste Comte
- D) C. Wright Mills

12. What is the term for an oversimplified, exaggerated, or unfavorable generalization about a group of people?

- A) Prejudice
- B) Discrimination
- C) Stereotype**
- D) Ethnocentrism