

Fundamentals of Sociology

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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