

Landmarks in Sociological History

Sociology · Practice Test · 8 Questions

1. Which work by Émile Durkheim, published in 1897, applied statistical analysis to demonstrate that social forces influence individual behavior?

- A) The Division of Labour in Society
- B) Suicide: A Study in Sociology
- C) The Elementary Forms of Religious Life
- D) The Rules of Sociological Method

2. In 1937, which sociologist published 'The Structure of Social Action', a foundational text for the development of structural functionalism?

- A) Talcott Parsons
- B) Max Weber
- C) George Herbert Mead
- D) Robert K. Merton

3. The 'Chicago School' of sociology gained international prominence in the early 20th century, largely due to their focus on which specific social phenomenon?

- A) Global economic systems
- B) Urban social patterns and community life
- C) Traditional agrarian kinship structures
- D) The history of political revolutions

4. W.E.B. Du Bois published which seminal sociological study in 1899, often cited as one of the first empirical sociological works in the United States?

- A) Black Reconstruction in America
- B) The Souls of Black Folk
- C) The Philadelphia Negro
- D) Darkwater

5. Who founded the first university department of sociology in the United States at the University of Chicago in 1892?

- A) Albion Small
- B) William I. Thomas
- C) Robert E. Park
- D) Charles Horton Cooley

6. The Frankfurt School, famous for Critical Theory, was originally affiliated with which academic institution before fleeing Nazi Germany?

- A) University of Berlin
- B) Goethe University Frankfurt
- C) University of Heidelberg
- D) University of Munich

7. Which 1967 book by Peter L. Berger and Thomas Luckmann introduced the concept of the 'social construction of reality'?

- A) The Presentation of Self in Everyday Life
- B) The Social Construction of Reality
- C) The Sacred Canopy
- D) Invitation to Sociology

8. In 1944, Gunnar Myrdal published 'An American Dilemma', a landmark study focusing on which sociological issue in the United States?

- A) The rise of industrial capitalism
- B) The status and treatment of Black Americans
- C) The impact of the Great Depression
- D) Gender inequality in the workforce