

Historical Foundations of Sociology

Sociology · Answer Key · 12 Questions

1. Which 19th-century sociologist coined the term 'sociology' in his work 'Course in Positive Philosophy'?

- A) Herbert Spencer
- B) Auguste Comte**
- C) Émile Durkheim
- D) Karl Marx

2. In which year did Émile Durkheim publish his seminal study 'Suicide', which utilized statistical analysis to examine social integration?

- A) 1893
- B) 1897**
- C) 1902
- D) 1912

3. W.E.B. Du Bois conducted one of the first major empirical sociological studies in the United States in 1899 titled:

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

4. The Chicago School of Sociology gained international prominence in the 1920s primarily due to their research methodology focused on:

- A) Macro-structural functionalism
- B) Quantitative surveys
- C) Urban ethnography**
- D) Psychoanalytic observation

5. Max Weber's 'The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism' argued that the rise of capitalism was linked to which religious movement?

- A) Roman Catholicism
- B) Eastern Orthodoxy
- C) Calvinism**
- D) Methodism

6. Which sociologist introduced the concept of 'conspicuous consumption' in the 1899 work 'The Theory of the Leisure Class'?

A) Thorstein Veblen

- B) Georg Simmel
- C) Vilfredo Pareto
- D) Talcott Parsons

7. The Frankfurt School is historically associated with the development of which theoretical tradition?

A) Symbolic Interactionism

B) Critical Theory

- C) Structural Functionalism
- D) Ethnomethodology

8. In 1949, Robert K. Merton published a foundational text in sociology titled:

A) Social Theory and Social Structure

- B) The Division of Labour in Society
- C) The Presentation of Self in Everyday Life
- D) Economy and Society

9. Which specific event led to the 1930s-1940s migration of many prominent European sociologists to the United States?

A) The Great Depression

B) The rise of the Nazi regime

- C) The dissolution of the Soviet Union
- D) The decolonization of Africa

10. Erving Goffman's 1959 book 'The Presentation of Self in Everyday Life' established which sociological perspective?

A) Conflict Theory

B) Dramaturgical Analysis

- C) Exchange Theory
- D) Rational Choice Theory

11. The 'Hawthorne Studies', conducted at the Western Electric plant between 1924 and 1932, were significant for identifying which effect?

A) The Butterfly Effect

B) The Pygmalion Effect

C) The Hawthorne Effect

- D) The Matthew Effect

12. Who was the first woman to be elected president of the American Sociological Association in 1965?

- A) Jane Addams
- B) Harriet Martineau
- C) Mirra Komarovsky**
- D) Dorothy Smith