

Historical Foundations of Sociology

Sociology · Practice Test · 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