Introduction to Sociological Concepts

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1. What term describes the shared values, customs, and traditions of a group of people?

A) Culture
B) Economy
C) Geography
D) Biology

2. Which social institution is primarily responsible for transmitting knowledge and social norms to the younger generation?

A) The Bank
B) Education
C) The Military
D) The Post Office

3. What is the term for the position an individual holds within a social structure, such as a student or a sibling?

A) Status
B) Personality
C) Genetics
D) Hobby

4. What are the specific expectations for behavior that society sets for people in certain positions?

A) Roles
B) Laws of Physics
C) Instincts
D) Dietary habits

5. What term refers to the process by which individuals learn the values and behaviors of their society?

A) Socialization
B) Hibernation
C) Digestion
D) Photosynthesis

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6. Which sociologist is often credited with coining the term 'sociology'?

A) Auguste Comte
B) Isaac Newton
C) Charles Darwin
D) Albert Einstein

7. What is the term for a group of people who share a common territory and are subject to the same political authority?

A) Society
B) A Family
C) A Sports Team
D) An Orchestra

8. What do sociologists call an unwritten rule of behavior that is considered acceptable by a group?

A) A Norm
B) A Law
C) A Salary
D) A Tax

9. What is the term for the hierarchical arrangement of individuals into social categories like class or caste?

A) Social Stratification
B) Migration
C) Evolution
D) Globalisation

10. Which of the following is considered a primary agent of socialization during childhood?

A) The Family
B) The Stock Market
C) The Airline Industry
D) Mining

11. What term describes a large-scale system of interconnected relationships that forms the framework of society?

A) Social Structure
B) A Building Blueprint
C) A Computer Code
D) A Forest Ecosystem

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12. What is the term for a reward or punishment used to encourage or discourage certain behaviors?

A) Social Sanction
B) A Gift
C) An Interest Rate
D) A Tax Return

13. Which field of study focuses specifically on the development, structure, and functioning of human society?

A) Sociology
B) Astronomy
C) Geology
D) Zoology

14. What is a 'subculture' in sociological terms?

A) A group with values distinct from the mainstream culture
B) A group that only lives underground
C) A type of high-speed train
D) A branch of biology

15. What is the main purpose of a social institution like the legal system?

A) To maintain social order and resolve disputes
B) To produce food
C) To study outer space
D) To manage forests

16. What do sociologists call the study of large-scale social processes and global trends?

A) Macrosociology
B) Micro-biology
C) Nano-technology
D) Home economics

17. Which of these is an example of an 'achieved status'?

A) Professional athlete
B) Brother
C) Race
D) Biological age

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18. What term refers to the movement of individuals or groups between different social positions?

A) Social Mobility
B) Physical Fitness
C) Economic Inflation
D) Migration

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