Advanced Sociology Core Concepts

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1. Which sociological perspective focuses on the way social institutions maintain social stability and order?

A) Conflict Theory
B) Functionalism
C) Symbolic Interactionism
D) Feminism

2. What term describes the process by which individuals internalize the values, beliefs, and norms of a given society?

A) Social stratification
B) Socialization
C) Cultural relativism
D) Deviance

3. According to Robert Merton's strain theory, what is the term for individuals who accept societal goals but use illegitimate means to achieve them?

A) Innovators
B) Ritualists
C) Retreatists
D) Rebels

4. Which research method involves the researcher participating in the daily life of the group being studied?

A) Survey research
B) Experimental design
C) Participant observation
D) Secondary analysis

5. What is the sociological term for the hierarchical arrangement of individuals into social categories such as class, caste, and power?

A) Social mobility
B) Social stratification
C) Social capital
D) Social integration

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6. Which concept describes the situation where an individual experiences conflicting expectations from two or more social positions?

A) Role strain
B) Role conflict
C) Status inconsistency
D) Master status

7. Max Weber argued that which factor is the primary driver of social change in modern industrial societies?

A) Economic class conflict
B) Rationalization and bureaucracy
C) Biological evolution
D) Technological determinism

8. What refers to the unequal distribution of wealth, power, and prestige in society?

A) Social inequality
B) Social change
C) Cultural diffusion
D) Social cohesion

9. Which term identifies the spread of cultural beliefs and social activities from one group to another?

A) Cultural lag
B) Cultural diffusion
C) Ethnocentrism
D) Xenocentrism

10. In sociology, what does 'the looking-glass self' theory suggest?

A) Individuals define themselves based on how they perceive others view them
B) Identity is solely determined by genetic inheritance
C) People only value their own opinions
D) Social status is fixed at birth

11. What is the term for a social position that is assigned at birth or received involuntarily later in life?

A) Achieved status
B) Ascribed status
C) Master status
D) Role set

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12. Which theorist is most closely associated with the conflict theory perspective regarding the relationship between the bourgeoisie and the proletariat?

A) Emile Durkheim
B) Karl Marx
C) George Herbert Mead
D) Talcott Parsons

13. What is the primary focus of demography in sociological studies?

A) The study of criminal behavior
B) The study of human population statistics
C) The analysis of artistic expression
D) The history of political parties

14. Which concept refers to the practice of judging another culture by the standards of one's own culture?

A) Cultural relativism
B) Ethnocentrism
C) Multiculturalism
D) Assimilation

15. What is the sociological definition of a 'norm'?

A) A statistical average of behavior
B) A rule or expectation that guides behavior within a group
C) A biological drive common to all humans
D) A formal legal statute only

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