Advanced Sociological Foundations

Sociology · Answer Key · 20 Questions

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

A) Max Weber
B) Thorstein Veblen
C) Georg Simmel
D) Emile Durkheim

2. In Pierre Bourdieu's theory, which term describes the set of internalized dispositions, schemas, and habits through which individuals perceive and act in the social world?

A) Habitus
B) Cultural Capital
C) Symbolic Violence
D) Field

3. What term does Erving Goffman use to describe the management of the impressions people make on others during social interaction?

A) Dramaturgy
B) Ethnomethodology
C) Social Constructionism
D) Looking-glass self

4. Which form of authority, according to Max Weber's tripartite classification, rests on an established belief in the sanctity of immemorial traditions?

A) Charismatic authority
B) Legal-rational authority
C) Traditional authority
D) Bureaucratic authority

5. Who authored 'The Presentation of Self in Everyday Life', a foundational text for the study of micro-sociology?

A) Harold Garfinkel
B) Erving Goffman
C) Anthony Giddens
D) C. Wright Mills

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6. What concept describes the state of 'normlessness' or the breakdown of social bonds between an individual and their community, as defined by Emile Durkheim?

A) Alienation
B) Anomie
C) Atomization
D) Secularization

7. According to Wallerstein's World-Systems Theory, which category includes countries that are economically diversified, wealthy, and highly industrialized?

A) Periphery
B) Semi-periphery
C) Core
D) External areas

8. Which sociologist is best known for the concept of 'the sociological imagination', defined as the ability to connect personal troubles to public issues?

A) Talcott Parsons
B) C. Wright Mills
C) Herbert Spencer
D) Robert Merton

9. What is the primary focus of 'Ethnomethodology', a field founded by Harold Garfinkel?

A) Macro-structural analysis
B) The study of everyday methods people use to produce social order
C) The analysis of class conflict
D) Historical dialectics

10. Which theoretical perspective views society as a complex system whose parts work together to promote solidarity and stability?

A) Conflict Theory
B) Symbolic Interactionism
C) Structural Functionalism
D) Feminist Theory

11. In Marxist theory, what term refers to the process by which individuals come to accept the ruling ideology as 'common sense', despite it being against their own interests?

A) False consciousness
B) Class solidarity
C) Proletarianization
D) Social stratification

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12. Which sociologically significant study investigated how the 'looking-glass self'--the idea that our self-image is shaped by how we think others perceive us--functions?

A) George Herbert Mead
B) Charles Horton Cooley
C) W.E.B. Du Bois
D) Jane Addams

13. What does W.E.B. Du Bois define as the 'sense of always looking at one's self through the eyes of others'?

A) Double consciousness
B) Intersectionality
C) Social distance
D) Collective effervescence

14. Which concept refers to the movement of individuals or groups from one social class or stratum to another?

A) Social stratification
B) Social mobility
C) Status inconsistency
D) Intergenerational transmission

15. According to Robert Merton, what is the term for a social strain that occurs when culturally approved goals cannot be achieved through institutionalized means?

A) Innovation
B) Ritualism
C) Anomie
D) Retreatism

16. Who coined the term 'the McDonaldization of society' to describe the spread of bureaucratic rationality and efficiency?

A) George Ritzer
B) Ulrich Beck
C) Zygmunt Bauman
D) Manuel Castells

17. Which of the following is considered a 'total institution' as characterized by Erving Goffman?

A) A university classroom
B) A public park
C) A psychiatric hospital
D) A shopping mall

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18. What is the core argument of Michel Foucault's 'Discipline and Punish' regarding power?

A) Power is exclusively held by the state
B) Power is exercised through surveillance and the body
C) Power is purely economic in origin
D) Power is only achieved through consensus

19. What term describes the system of stratification where social status is determined by birth and is generally immutable?

A) Class system
B) Caste system
C) Meritocracy
D) Plutocracy

20. Which sociologist argued that the 'Protestant Ethic' played a crucial role in the development of modern capitalism?

A) Karl Marx
B) Max Weber
C) Emile Durkheim
D) Auguste Comte

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