

Sociology Test: Chapter 1 Fall 2011

True/False

Indicate whether the sentence or statement is true or false.

- 1. Most groups encourage their members to conform to the group's way of thinking and behaving.
- 2. Sociology is one of the oldest sciences, having been around about 400 years.
- 3. A family is a group, but all of the people attending a football game are not a group, because they are too diverse.
- 4. Sociologists rarely challenge conventional social wisdom.
- 5. The sociological perspective allows sociologists to focus on the common behaviors of a group of people, rather than their individual differences.
- 6. When you try to understand your friend's feelings by placing yourself in her situation, you are using verstehen (empathy).
- 7. W.E.B. DuBois scientifically studied the social structure of African American communities.
- 8. Symbolic interactionists say that we are able to communicate with one another because we have a set of symbols that have similar meanings to all of us.
- 9. One reason people tend to conform to a group is because they have learned to value the group's behavior.

Multiple Choice

Identify the letter of the choice that best completes the statement or answers the question.

- 10. Several members of a little league team begin wearing their baseball caps backwards and soon the entire team is following this style. This is an example of
 - a. social structure.
 - b. group conformity.
 - c. group imagination.
 - d. Social Darwinism.
- 11. Karl Marx believed that class conflict was inevitable because
 - a. latent functions are more common than manifest functions.
 - b. social interdependence always leads to social unrest.
 - c. Social Darwinism states that a classless society is the most stable type of society.
 - d. workers will eventually overthrow the capitalists just as slaves overthrew their owners.
- 12. The changes caused by the Industrial Revolution, such as people moving from farms to cities, is an example of social
 - a. conformity.
 - b. Darwinism.
 - c. dynamics.
 - d. statics.
- 13. Using the Internet for shopping is convenient and can save time. This is a ____ function of this type of shopping.
 - a. Latent
 - b. Dynamic
 - c. static
 - d. manifest
- 14. Some people think that shopping over the Internet can lead to social isolation because people go to stores less often. This is a function of Internet shopping.
 - a. Latent
 - b. Dynamic
 - c. static
 - d. manifest

- ___ 15. The distribution of power is most important in which of the following theoretical perspectives?
- a. symbolic interactionism
 - b. conflict perspective
 - c. functionalism
 - d. positivism
- ___ 16. The theory that society benefits when each individual finds his or her own social-class level without outside interference is called
- a. group conformity.
 - b. group imagination.
 - c. class conflict.
 - d. Social Darwinism.
- ___ 17. When a baby waves “bye-bye”, he is using a
- a. function.
 - b. symbol.
 - c. verstehen.
 - d. rationalization.
- ___ 18. Harriet Martineau is considered an early feminist theorist because she
- a. thought that conflict between the proletariat and the bourgeoisie was inevitable.
 - b. wrote about the link between slavery and the oppression of women.
 - c. campaigned for equal pay for women.
 - d. believed women were free to find their own social-class level.
- ___ 19. Jane Addams
- a. was concerned about the exploitation of the lower class.
 - b. believed everyone should find his or her social-class level without outside interference.
 - c. was the first person to research the social structure of African American communities.
 - d. is considered the founder of symbolic interactionism.
- ___ 20. Which of the following is NOT associated with mechanical solidarity?
- a. It existed in preindustrial times.
 - b. Everyone had a highly specialized role.
 - c. There was a widespread consensus of values.
 - d. There was strong social pressure to conform.

Matching

Match each item with the correct statement below.

- a. Auguste Comte
 - b. C. Wright Mills
 - c. Karl Marx
 - d. Max Weber
 - e. Herbert Spencer
- ___ 21. sociological imagination
- ___ 22. positivism
- ___ 23. a classless society
- ___ 24. Social Darwinism
- ___ 25. rationalization

Essay (50 Points)

26. **Theoretical Perspectives:** Based on what you read about the Internet on pages 28 and 29 in your packet, explain how each Theoretical Perspective can be used to explain the use of the Internet in Society today using one **specific** example for each perspective **not found in the packet.**