

# Chapter 1 The Sociological Perspective

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## 1.1 Multiple-Choice Questions

- 1) The concept used to describe opening a window into unfamiliar worlds that allows us to understanding human behavior by placing it within its broader social context is called \_\_\_\_\_.

A) the sociological imagination  
B) social location  
C) social integration  
D) the social imperative

Answer: A

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Skill: Knowledge

- 2) Of the following influences, the one that C. Wright Mills most attributed to being the one that sociologists would use to explain individual behavior is \_\_\_\_\_.

A) common sense  
B) instinct  
C) external influences  
D) inherited abilities

Answer: C

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Skill: Knowledge

- 3) When sociologists group people into categories based on their age, gender, educational level, job and income, they are trying to determine their \_\_\_\_\_.

A) social network  
B) social location  
C) social personality  
D) social skills

Answer: B

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Skill: Application

- 4) Of the following, which variable do sociologists emphasize the most as being the determining motivation for our thinking and behavior?

A) random chance events  
B) natural born instincts  
C) inherited genetic structure  
D) one's society and social location

Answer: D

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Skill: Knowledge

5) Of the following, which discipline is most appropriately classified as a natural science?

- A) geomorphology
- B) economics
- C) political science
- D) cultural anthropology

Answer: A

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Skill: Application

6) The sociologist responsible for suggesting the connection between history and biography to explain the sociological imagination was \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) Talcott Parsons
- B) Herbert Spencer
- C) C. Wright Mills
- D) Emile Durkheim

Answer: C

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Skill: Knowledge

7) The social science discipline that concentrates on the study of artifacts, social structure, ideas and values, forms of communication is \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) political science
- B) social physics
- C) anthropology
- D) psychology

Answer: C

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Skill: Application

8) The first goal of each scientific discipline is to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) explain why something happens
- B) make generalizations why things happen
- C) look for patterns when things happen
- D) predict what will happen in the future

Answer: A

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Skill: Knowledge

9) The first person to propose that the scientific method could be applied to the study of social life was \_\_\_\_\_.

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

Answer: D

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Skill: Knowledge

- 10) The notion that only the fittest members of society deserve to survive and that social programs to help the poor will ultimately weaken the social order is a doctrine known as \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) Social Darwinism
  - B) positivism
  - C) post-modernism
  - D) social welfare

Answer: A

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Skill: Knowledge

- 11) What is the use of objective, systematic observation to test theories often employed by sociologists?
- A) the commutation process
  - B) common sense
  - C) the scientific method
  - D) multivariate analysis

Answer: C

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Skill: Knowledge

- 12) What was the social event that most influenced Auguste Comte to explore patterns within society and what holds society together?
- A) the discovery of the New World
  - B) the Inquisition
  - C) the Russian Revolution
  - D) the French Revolution

Answer: D

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Skill: Knowledge

- 13) Karl Marx suggested that the force which drives human history and is at the core of human progress is \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) class conflict
  - B) religion
  - C) family
  - D) education

Answer: A

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Skill: Knowledge

- 14) The Wall Street Journal has declared the "three greatest modern thinkers" as being \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) Karl Marx; Sigmund Freud; Albert Einstein
  - B) Max Weber; B. F. Skinner; J. Edgar Hoover
  - C) Karl Marx; Louis Pasteur; Albert Einstein
  - D) Frank Lloyd Wright; Jonas Salk; Sigmund Freud

Answer: A

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Skill: Knowledge

- 15) The term "survival of the fittest" which is a principle part of the concept of social Darwinism, was coined by \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) Charles Darwin
  - B) Talcott Parsons
  - C) Auguste Comte
  - D) Herbert Spencer

Answer: D

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Skill: Knowledge

- 16) The social thinker of the 19th century who predicted that there would be a classless society once the working class united and began a revolution was \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) Emile Durkheim
  - B) C. Wright Mills
  - C) Herbert Spencer
  - D) Karl Marx

Answer: D

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Skill: Knowledge

- 17) The early European sociologist Emile Durkheim is most identified with which of the following areas of study?
- A) social integration
  - B) class conflict
  - C) social Darwinism
  - D) the Spirit of Capitalism

Answer: A

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Skill: Knowledge

- 18) The early theorist who is sometimes referred to as "the second founder of sociology" because of his contributions to the discipline and coined the phrase "survival of the fittest" was \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) Henri Saint Simon
  - B) Herbert Spencer
  - C) Emile Durkheim
  - D) Karl Marx

Answer: B

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Skill: Knowledge

- 19) Weber referred to the self-denying approach to life characterized by people living frugal lives and saving their money as the \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) spirit of capitalism
  - B) socialist conscience
  - C) Protestant ethic
  - D) manifest destiny

Answer: C

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Skill: Knowledge

20) The titles Karl Marx used to describe the two classes in society were the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) nobles; peasants
- B) bourgeoisie; proletariat
- C) upper class; lower class
- D) civilized; barbarians

Answer: B

Diff: 2 Page Ref: 11

Skill: Knowledge

21) Karl Marx believed that \_\_\_\_\_ was the central force for social change while Max Weber believed that \_\_\_\_\_ was the force most responsible for social change.

- A) economics; religion
- B) education; political stability
- C) government; economics
- D) religion; education

Answer: A

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Skill: Application

22) According to Max Weber, the Protestant ethic was a central factor in the birth of \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) capitalism
- B) democracy
- C) socialism
- D) bureaucracy

Answer: A

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Skill: Comprehension

23) What quality did Max Weber stress as being the hallmark of social research?

- A) subjective assessment
- B) sympathetic understanding
- C) total neutrality
- D) capital investment

Answer: C

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Skill: Application

24) Max Weber used the term "verstehen" to mean \_\_\_\_\_ .

- A) being value free
- B) to grasp by sight
- C) the normlessness of society
- D) the need for human companionship

Answer: B

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Skill: Comprehension

25) Art has an interest in developing psychological profiles and is an avid student of William Sheldon's work on body types and personality. Art has submitted a research request to repeat Sheldon's classic study on body types to determine if Sheldon's original findings are still valid. This type of research is referred to as \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) replication
- B) ethnography
- C) triangulation
- D) correlation

Answer: A

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Skill: Comprehension

26) Durkheim referred to patterns of behavior that characterize a social group as \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) a social profile
- B) stereotyping
- C) social integration
- D) social facts

Answer: D

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Skill: Knowledge

27) What distinction did Frances Perkins, a sociologist, hold in American history?

- A) She was the first woman president of the American Sociological Association.
- B) She won a Nobel Prize for her work with destitute women.
- C) She was the first woman elected governor.
- D) She was the first woman to hold a Presidential Cabinet position.

Answer: D

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Skill: Knowledge

28) Over twenty years prior to the birth of Durkheim and Weber, *Society in America*, an analysis of American customs, was published by sociologist \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) W. I. Thomas
- B) W. E. B. DuBois
- C) Harriet Martineau
- D) Ernest Burgess

Answer: C

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Skill: Knowledge

29) Because of her outstanding and effective efforts at social reform as demonstrated in her work as co-founder of Hull House, \_\_\_\_\_ was a co-winner of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1931.

- A) Elsie Clews Parsons
- B) Charlotte Perkins Gilman
- C) Alice Hamilton
- D) Jane Addams

Answer: D

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Skill: Knowledge