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Easy

Multiple Choice (13)

Q1. *[Multiple Choice]*

What is sociology?

a) the systematic study of individual differences
b) the systematic study of countries
c) the systematic study of society ✓ correct
d) the systematic study of human families

Q2. *[Multiple Choice]*

Why do many young adults live with their parents after college?

a) They prefer to stay close to family
b) They need to save money ✓ correct
c) They struggle with independence
d) They are not ready for adult responsibilities

Q3. *[Multiple Choice]*

Sociologists generally place an emphasis on which of the following?

a) people's personal problems
b) people's personal attributes
c) the broader societal context ✓ correct
d) business problems

Q4. *[Multiple Choice]*

Which sociologist coined the term "*sociological imagination*"?

a) C. Wright Mills ✓ correct
b) Émile Durkheim
c) B.F. Skinner
d) Jane Goodall

Q5. *[Multiple Choice]*

Personal issues such as poverty, aging, and prejudice are best understood in which of the following ways according to sociologists?

a) by examining personal beliefs and values
b) through exploration of physical phenomena
c) within the appropriate societal context ✓ correct
d) through the confines of individual anatomy and personality

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Q6. *[Multiple Choice]*

Which sociologist was the first scholar who extensively studied suicide?

a) Max Weber
b) Karl Marx
c) Herbert Spencer
d) Émile Durkheim ✓ correct

Q7. *[Multiple Choice]*

Which method did Durkheim use for his research on suicide?

a) questionnaires
b) historical records ✓ correct
c) field studies
d) randomized studies

Q8. *[Multiple Choice]*

Which type of suicide is more common when a country experiences war?

a) fatalistic suicide
b) anomic suicide ✓ correct
c) altruistic suicide
d) egoistic suicide

Q9. *[Multiple Choice]*

Émile Durkheim proposed that which protective factor can make one immune to committing suicide?

a) poverty ✓ correct
b) health
c) religiosity
d) wealth

Q10. *[Multiple Choice]*

According to Durkheim's research on suicide in the late 19th century, followers of which religion had the highest suicide rates?

a) Judaism
b) Catholicism
c) Protestantism ✓ correct
d) Hinduism

Q11. *[Multiple Choice]*

Which type of suicide is most likely when one’s individuality is completely overshadowed by one’s group membership?

a) altruistic ✓ correct
b) fatalistic
c) egotistic
d) anomic

Q12. *[Multiple Choice]*

In the United States, which states tend to have the highest suicide rates?

a) densely populated states
b) sparsely populated states ✓ correct
c) West coast states
d) Northern states

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Q13. *[Multiple Choice]*

A person sacrifices their life for the good of their group. Which type of suicide is this?

a) anomic
b) fatalistic
c) altruistic ✓ correct
d) egoistic

True/False (4)

Q14. *[True/False]*

The fundamental theme of sociology is how the human mind works.

a) True
b) False ✓ correct

Correct answer: False

Q15. *[True/False]*

The ability to see the impact of societal forces on our private lives is referred to as the sociological imagination.

a) True ✓ correct
b) False

Correct answer: True

Q16. *[True/False]*

The sociological imagination allows us to see the intersection between personal experiences and historical events.

a) True ✓ correct
b) False

Correct answer: True

Q17. *[True/False]*

C. Wright Mills argued that no matter how personal we think our experiences are, many are products of society-wide forces.

a) True ✓ correct
b) False

Correct answer: True

Medium

Multiple Choice (22)

Q18. *[Multiple Choice]*

Which statement best describes the relationship between social processes and individual actions?

a) Social processes don't influence individual actions.
b) Social processes and individual actions typically interact. ✓ correct
c) An individual's free choice overrides the influence of any social process.
d) An individual's preference determines the outcome of social processes.

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Q19. *[Multiple Choice]*

Why is it sometimes difficult for people in the United States to see the relationship between individuals and social forces?

a) governmental welfare policies
b) the political emphasis on legislation
c) the way the media reports on social forces
d) the cultural emphasis on individualism ✓ correct

Q20. *[Multiple Choice]*

Which of the following factors regarding a couple's decision to have a baby would a sociologist be most likely to study?

a) the couple's level of romantic love
b) workplace family leave policies ✓ correct
c) the couple's relationship with family
d) sibling birth order

Q21. *[Multiple Choice]*

Sociologists see everyday life as a complex interplay between which of the following?

a) culture and values
b) history and personal beliefs
c) societal forces and personal characteristics ✓ correct
d) global environments and technological advances

Q22. *[Multiple Choice]*

According to the "sociological imagination," how can social problems best be solved?

a) providing treatment to people with problems
b) changing the characteristics of individuals
c) changing social institutions and roles ✓ correct
d) using our imagination to think outside the box

Q23. *[Multiple Choice]*

How do sociologists explain the relatively high suicide rate among South Korean adolescents?

a) competitive educational system ✓ correct
b) peer pressure
c) dysfunctional families
d) economic circumstances

Q24. *[Multiple Choice]*

According to Émile Durkheim, which type of suicide occurs when lives are suddenly disrupted by major social events or changes, such as widespread economic crises and famine?

a) egoistic suicide
b) anomic suicide ✓ correct
c) fatalistic suicide
d) altruistic suicide

Q25. *[Multiple Choice]*

Émile Durkheim suggested that some religious traditions are more likely than others to decrease the likelihood of suicide among followers. These religions include those that emphasize which of the following?

a) atonement through animal sacrifice
b) individual responsibility
c) salvation through community ✓ correct
d) individual salvation

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Q26. *[Multiple Choice]*

According to Durkheim, poverty protects people in poor countries against which type of suicide?

a) egoistic suicide
b) anomic suicide ✓ correct
c) fatalistic suicide
d) altruistic suicide

Q27. *[Multiple Choice]*

The research technique that uses historical documents and existing statistics over time, or across societies, is referred to as which type of method?

a) regressive method
b) statistical method
c) comparative method ✓ correct
d) analytical method

Q28. *[Multiple Choice]*

The European problem "suicide by economic crisis" is an example of which category of Durkheim's suicide typology?

a) egoistic suicide
b) fatalistic suicide
c) anomic suicide ✓ correct
d) altruistic suicide

Q29. *[Multiple Choice]*

According to Durkheim, how did having children affect suicide rates?

a) Parents had higher suicide rates than non-parents.
b) Parents had lower suicide rates than non-parents. ✓ correct
c) Suicide rates were the same for parents and non-parents.
d) Suicide rates were only lower for parents in poverty.

Q30. *[Multiple Choice]*

Which type of suicide would be higher in collectivist cultures than in individualistic cultures according to Durkheim?

a) fatalistic suicide
b) attempted suicide
c) anomic suicide
d) altruistic suicide ✓ correct

Q31. *[Multiple Choice]*

Durkheim feared that life in modern society would tend to be individualistic and dangerously alienating. Accordingly, which type of suicide would be expected to increase?

a) fatalistic suicide
b) anomic suicide
c) egoistic suicide ✓ correct
d) altruistic suicide

Q32. *[Multiple Choice]*

Intense spiritual loyalty is most likely associated with which type of suicide?

a) fatalistic suicide
b) anomic suicide
c) egoistic suicide
d) altruistic suicide ✓ correct

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Q33. *[Multiple Choice]*

When an imprisoned person commits suicide, which type of suicide is this most likely?

a) altruistic suicide
b) egoistic suicide
c) anomic suicide
d) fatalistic suicide ✓ correct

Q34. *[Multiple Choice]*

Suicides that occur because there is a lack of close connections between individuals and their community, families, or groups are called what type of suicide?

a) altruistic suicide
b) anomic suicide
c) egoistic suicide ✓ correct
d) fatalistic suicide

Q35. *[Multiple Choice]*

Altruistic suicides occur when ties to one's community are _____.

a) too strong ✓ correct
b) nonexistent
c) haphazard
d) not codified

Q36. *[Multiple Choice]*

According to Emile Durkheim, which of the following people are most likely to commit suicide?

a) a married Catholic person with children
b) a married Protestant person with children
c) a widowed Catholic person
d) a widowed Protestant person ✓ correct

Q37. *[Multiple Choice]*

Durkheim concluded that different suicide rates are related to variations in which of the following?

a) social class
b) social prestige
c) social ties ✓ correct
d) social skills

Q38. *[Multiple Choice]*

Which of the following best captures the difference between egoistic and altruistic suicide?

a) differences in socioeconomic status
b) differences in marital status
c) differences in social ties ✓ correct
d) differences in social skills

Q39. *[Multiple Choice]*

What is a similarity between anomic and fatalistic suicide?

a) both occur as a result of hopeless or oppressive circumstances ✓ correct
b) both occur as a result of the breakdown of a marriage
c) both are the more individualistic types of suicide
d) both are more prevalent in wealthier countries.

True/False (6)

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Q40. *[True/False]*

Social circumstances, such as age, gender, and religion, influence personal choices and opportunities, often limiting individual freedom.

a) True ✓ correct

b) False

Correct answer: True

Q41. *[True/False]*

Even universal biological functions, such as aging and reproduction, can be influenced by the social context.

a) True ✓ correct

b) False

Correct answer: True

Q42. *[True/False]*

Durkheim found that Catholics had a higher suicide rate than Protestants.

a) True

b) False ✓ correct

Correct answer: False

Q43. *[True/False]*

In the United States, the structure of modern communities decreases the likelihood of suicide.

a) True

b) False ✓ correct

Correct answer: False

Q44. *[True/False]*

Population density has no potential for affecting suicide rates.

a) True

b) False ✓ correct

Correct answer: False

Q45. *[True/False]*

Social class is a more important factor than social ties in explaining suicide rates.

a) True

b) False ✓ correct

Correct answer: False

Essay (5)

Q46. *[Essay]*

Compare and contrast how biologists, psychologists, and sociologists study people. Identify the unique characteristics of sociology as a discipline.

Suggested answer: *Sample response: Neutral Feedback: Biologists study how the human body works, while neurologists examine the functioning of the brain. Psychologists examine individual characteristics of people. These disciplines therefore place an emphasis on processes within the individual—whether biological, neurological, or psychological. In contrast, sociologists study human societies and are specifically interested in the interplay between social factors and individual characteristics. Unlike psychology and biology, sociology emphasizes how external social forces—such as economic systems, cultural norms, and historical events—shape human behavior and opportunities. People's experiences are shaped by societal forces.*

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Q47. *[Essay]*

How do economic trends and social structures shape personal decisions about work, relationships, and mobility?

> ***Suggested answer:*** *Sample response: Individual choices are influenced by broader social forces. Job opportunities depend on economic conditions, not just personal effort. Relationship decisions can be shaped by social networks and cultural norms, rather than individual preferences alone. Economic pressures also affect mobility, such as whether someone can afford to live independently. These factors show how personal decisions are connected to larger societal patterns.*

Q48. *[Essay]*

Explain the similarities and differences of anomic and fatalistic suicide.

> ***Suggested answer:*** *Sample response: Anomic suicide occurs when people's lives are suddenly disrupted by major social events, such as economic recessions or pandemics, leaving them feeling lost and without direction. Fatalistic suicide happens in situations of extreme regulation and oppression, such as long-term imprisonment, where individuals see no escape from their conditions. Durkheim suggested that anomic suicide increases in times of rapid social change, while fatalistic suicide occurs when personal freedom is excessively restricted. Both types reflect a disconnection between individuals and society, but for opposite reasons—one due to too little structure, the other due to too much.*

Q49. *[Essay]*

Discuss the similarities and differences of egoistic and altruistic suicide.

> ***Suggested answer:*** *Sample response: Both egoistic and altruistic suicide are strongly associated with social ties. In the case of egoistic suicide, a person's ties to family and community are weak. The person may commit suicide due to loneliness—suicide rates among widowed, single and divorced people are significantly higher than suicide rates of their married counterparts. In the case of altruistic suicide, people's social ties with others are strong—so strong that people may feel overwhelmed and lose their sense of individuality.*

Q50. *[Essay]*

What types of social forces influence a student's decision to attend a specific college?

> ***Suggested answer:*** *Sample response: Economic factors, such as tuition costs, financial aid availability, and student loan debt, influence whether a student can afford certain schools. Family expectations and cultural background also play a role, as some students may feel pressure to attend a particular college based on tradition or parental influence. Social networks, including friends and mentors, can impact where students apply by exposing them to different college options. Additionally, broader societal trends, such as job market demands and the perceived value of a degree from certain institutions, can shape a student's choice. These factors highlight how college decisions are influenced by forces beyond individual preference.*

Hard

Multiple Choice (10)

Q51. *[Multiple Choice]*

Juanita recently graduated from college and moves back in with her parents. How would a sociologist examine Juanita's situation?

a) investigating her family situation and how they live
b) assessing Juanita's financial situation
c) investigating trends in college graduates' living circumstances ✓ correct
d) assessing Juanita's social network for potential roommates

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Q52. *[Multiple Choice]*

Carmelita suffers from an eating disorder called bulimia that is characterized by bouts of overeating and self–induced vomiting. How would a sociologist most likely approach Carmelita's situation?

a) investigate the availability of nutritious in Carmelita's community
b) assess Carmelita's family history of eating disorders
c) analyze Carmelita's genetic predisposition to mental health conditions
d) examine how cultural beauty standards contribute to eating disorders ✓ correct

Q53. *[Multiple Choice]*

Which of the following scenarios best demonstrates the influence of social forces?

a) Michaela and Mike decide to try having a baby because their respective parents want to become grandparents.
b) Mike and Steve decide to get married because all their friends have recently married.
c) Peter and Mary postpone getting married because Steve's mother was recently diagnosed with cancer.
d) Arthur and Susan postpone their wish to have a baby because Arthur's company went bankrupt. ✓ correct

Q54. *[Multiple Choice]*

What would be the most likely sociological explanation for differences in standardized test scores among schools?

a) differences in students' IQ
b) varying rates of mental illness among students
c) lack of effort from some students
d) disparities in school resources ✓ correct

Q55. *[Multiple Choice]*

According to C. Wright Mills, when many people in a community lose their jobs, unemployment is best understood as:

a) A private trouble caused by individual failures.
b) A public issue rooted in economic and social structures. ✓ correct
c) Neither a private nor public issue, just part of the job cycle.
d) Only a psychological issue based on personal perception.

Q56. *[Multiple Choice]*

At what level do government policies impact personal life?

a) Local—affecting community resources and services.
b) Regional—shaping state laws and regulations.
c) National—influencing rights, taxes, and benefits.
d) All levels—from local to international, policies shape daily life. ✓ correct

Q57. *[Multiple Choice]*

A stockbroker loses 10 million dollars in the stock market and subsequently commits suicide. This suicide best fits which category?

a) altruistic suicide
b) egoistic suicide
c) fatalistic suicide
d) anomic suicide ✓ correct

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Q58. *[Multiple Choice]*

Jason was a high school student from a middle–class family. He was class president, played competitive chess, and had hoped to earn a merit scholarship to one of the nation's top universities. During his senior year, he died of suicide. The sociological imagination helps us to understand that Jason may not have committed suicide if he _____.

a) had stayed away from gangs and drugs
b) did not have so many emotional problems
c) had felt less social pressure to achieve success ✓ correct
d) had felt less social pressure to respect and obey authority

Q59. *[Multiple Choice]*

When soldiers return from combat service, they often find it difficult to readjust to life in civilian society. They have had experiences that are difficult to explain to others, and they have lost the structure of military life. They are at an increased risk of which type of suicide?

a) anomic ✓ correct
b) egoistic
c) altruistic
d) fatalistic

Q60. *[Multiple Choice]*

Which scenario is an example of the conditions for fatalistic suicide?

a) an individual who lost a child due to a car accident
b) an individual who has to serve 30 years in prison ✓ correct
c) an individual whose country experiences an economic recession
d) an individual who has many siblings and strong family ties

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