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Easy

Multiple Choice (12)

Q1. *[Multiple Choice]*

Jane Addams is remembered for _____.

a) her civil rights efforts
b) founding the settlement house movement ✓ correct
c) describing the two core commitments of sociology
d) starting the sociology department at the University of Chicago

Q2. *[Multiple Choice]*

Randall Collins believed that if you have a sociological eye, you should _____.

a) conduct research at every opportunity
b) make an effort to teach it to others
c) improve your own life first before taking on the bigger picture
d) use it to make a positive impact on society ✓ correct

Q3. *[Multiple Choice]*

The sociological imagination is best described as _____.

a) an awareness of the relationship between one's own experiences and society ✓ correct
b) looking at a situation and noticing something others may not
c) making connections between social behavior and society
d) the idea that people shape society and society shapes people

Q4. *[Multiple Choice]*

W. E. B. Du Bois conducted the first large–scale empirical sociological research in order to _____.

a) refute racial stereotypes ✓ correct
b) promote racial stereotypes
c) refute gender stereotypes
d) promote gender stereotypes

Q5. *[Multiple Choice]*

What are two core commitments of sociology?

a) studying social patterns and predicting their paths
b) categorizing people based on race and using these categories to generalize behaviors
c) describing behavior in gendered terms and assuming privilege based on class
d) observing social patterns and taking action against social injustice ✓ correct

Q6. *[Multiple Choice]*

Which statement best describes theoretical perspectives?

a) They are paradigms for viewing the world. ✓ correct
b) They are only used by sociological researchers.
c) They are not helpful for research.
d) They cannot help us understand social change.

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Q7. *[Multiple Choice]*

Who developed the concept of the sociological imagination?

a) Sigmund Freud
b) August Comte
c) Max Weber
d) C. Wright Mills ✓ correct

Q8. *[Multiple Choice]*

Who is credited with naming the field of sociology?

a) C. Wright Mills
b) W. E. B Du Bois
c) Auguste Comte ✓ correct
d) Albion Small

Q9. *[Multiple Choice]*

Who was one of the key founder of the field of sociology?

a) Sigmund Freud
b) W. E. B. Du Bois ✓ correct
c) Erving Goffman
d) Daniel Bell

Q10. *[Multiple Choice]*

_____ enables you to discern cultural and social patterns that others may not notice.

a) Sociological duality
b) A sociological imagination
c) Sociological generalization
d) A sociological eye ✓ correct

Q11. *[Multiple Choice]*

_____ focuses on how society and individuals influence each other.

a) Psychology
b) Physiology
c) Sociology ✓ correct
d) Biology

Q12. *[Multiple Choice]*

_____ is used to make connections between individual and societal (structural) viewpoints.

a) A sociological imagination ✓ correct
b) Sociological duality
c) A sociological eye
d) Sociological generalization

True/False (3)

Q13. *[True/False]*

Fake news has always been around and it always will be, so it doesn't have much impact on society.

a) True
b) False ✓ correct

Correct answer: False

Q14. *[True/False]*

Sociology is not informative for citizens of democratic societies.

a) True

b) False ✓ correct

Correct answer: False

Q15. *[True/False]*

W. E. B. Du Bois and Jane Addams both helped found the NAACP.

a) True ✓ correct

b) False

Correct answer: True

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Multiple Choice (27)

Q16. *[Multiple Choice]*

A sociologist would learn the most about how a given society functions by _____.

a) replicating a theoretical perspective

b) relying on individual opinions

c) conducting scientific research ✓ correct

d) drawing conclusions from common knowledge

Q17. *[Multiple Choice]*

An oversimplified and predetermined belief about a person or group of people refers to a _____.

a) generalization

b) stereotype ✓ correct

c) theoretical perspective

d) social force

Q18. *[Multiple Choice]*

An understanding of sociology benefits a social worker by _____.

a) helping the social worker conduct scientific research more effectively

b) providing more information about the populations the social worker serves ✓ correct

c) identifying individuals who need the support of the social worker

d) adopting better communication skills to help motivate people

Q19. *[Multiple Choice]*

How can the study of sociology benefit individuals and society?

a) Sociology can help people decide which candidates to vote for.

b) Sociology establishes the ideological foundations of all major political parties.

c) Sociology can help people distinguish between good information and fake news. ✓ correct

d) Sociology establishes the core principles of democratic societies.

Q20. *[Multiple Choice]*

How could an understanding of sociology benefit an advertising executive working for a multinational company?

a) by providing information about the history of each society

b) by informing each society about the new product

c) by helping them in deciding how much money to charge for the new product

d) by helping them determine how to appeal to each society ✓ correct

Q21. *[Multiple Choice]*

How was the Industrial Revolution a factor in the formation of sociology as a discipline?

a) People wanted to know more about different societies.
b) Philosophers wanted to discover why societies existed.
c) People wanted to determine how societies interacted with each other.
d) It changed where people lived and how they worked. ✓ correct

Q22. *[Multiple Choice]*

Priya and Sanjay are a young married couple. Priya notices that when they meet new people, they usually respond to her husband, Sanjay, first. Which of the following applies to Priya's observation?

a) sociological eye ✓ correct
b) sociological imagination
c) social embeddedness
d) social theory

Q23. *[Multiple Choice]*

Sociologists follow guidelines to ensure that their research is _____.

a) useful and protected
b) irrefutable and well–founded
c) practical, but not particularly beneficial
d) transparent and replicable ✓ correct

Q24. *[Multiple Choice]*

Sociology is a scientific field that studies society, making it a(n) _____ science.

a) natural
b) applied
c) social ✓ correct
d) physical

Q25. *[Multiple Choice]*

Sociology was developed in the 18th and 19th centuries to _____.

a) better understand societal change ✓ correct
b) explain mental processes in humans
c) record historical events
d) encourage gender equality

Q26. *[Multiple Choice]*

The application of sociological research helps us to understand and address _____.

a) behavior and mental disorders
b) animal biology
c) economic inequality and racism ✓ correct
d) environmental ecology

Q27. *[Multiple Choice]*

The discipline of sociology is a science because it _____.

a) is taught at the university level of study
b) studies how individuals can improve their lives
c) uses systematic data collection, measurement, and analysis ✓ correct
d) generalizes about other cultures with theories and anecdotes

Q28. *[Multiple Choice]*

The individualistic perspective is problematic because it _____.

a) fosters the impression that individuals are not influenced by their environments ✓ correct

b) fails to consider one individual while mainly focusing on groups of individuals

c) emphasizes the demographic differences between individuals

d) ignores the influences of motivation and determination

Q29. *[Multiple Choice]*

The role of scientific research in the field of sociology is to _____.

a) rely on stereotypes

b) limit sociological imagination

c) explain the mechanisms of society ✓ correct

d) invalidate the underlying problems of society

Q30. *[Multiple Choice]*

Theoretical perspectives impact sociology by _____.

a) influencing individuals' beliefs

b) helping explain the social world ✓ correct

c) developing solutions to society's problems

d) proving hypotheses about society

Q31. *[Multiple Choice]*

What does the text mean by "forewarned is forearmed"?

a) There are many weapons you can use against negative social forces.

b) You should encourage your peers to take a sociology course.

c) Noticing social patterns will help you deal with them. ✓ correct

d) When doing sociological research, be sure to stay in your comfort zone.

Q32. *[Multiple Choice]*

What is TRUE about individual interactions with sociology?

a) Individuals both shape and are shaped by society. ✓ correct

b) Sociology acts to influence how people think and behave in a given society regardless of individual interaction.

c) Sociology is a singular force of influence in society as it shapes how individuals interact in a one–way interaction.

d) Sociology acts to create the norms, values, and beliefs individuals follow as they interact with one another.

Q33. *[Multiple Choice]*

What is a sociologist doing when they make a good generalization?

a) stereotyping

b) giving an opinion

c) pointing out social patterns ✓ correct

d) changing society's influence

Q34. *[Multiple Choice]*

What is one benefit of studying sociology?

a) to make a lot of money

b) to benefit your family and community ✓ correct

c) to disprove theories of socialism

d) to regulate human behavior through law

Q35. *[Multiple Choice]*

When sociological findings diverge from the dominant theoretical explanation, then the _____.

a) findings need to be duplicated

b) theory needs to be adjusted ✓ correct

c) findings need to be discarded

d) theory needs to be ignored

Q36. *[Multiple Choice]*

Which of the following is true of individuals with sociological training?

a) The skills learned by studying sociology are applicable to any career. ✓ correct

b) Most sociologists end up as social workers.

c) A masters degree or Ph.D. is needed to work as a sociologist.

d) Most employers don't see the value in the skills that sociologists have.

Q37. *[Multiple Choice]*

Which of the following studies best describes sociology?

a) a scientific study of the human mind, especially behavior that affects the mind

b) the study of change within past civilization

c) a scientific study that is interested in society, in particular social relationships ✓ correct

d) the study of individual contributions to society

Q38. *[Multiple Choice]*

Which statement best explains the duality of sociology?

a) Society impacts individuals and individuals impact society. ✓ correct

b) Society impacts individuals and individuals impact each other.

c) Individuals impact society and society establishes norms for individuals.

d) Individuals impact society and society creates individual thought.

Q39. *[Multiple Choice]*

Which statement is TRUE of good generalizations?

a) They are similar to stereotypes.

b) They are constructed from traditional authority.

c) They are grounded in one's childhood experiences.

d) They are based on social scientific research. ✓ correct

Q40. *[Multiple Choice]*

Why is a sociologically informed public important for a democratic society?

a) Sociology aids in distinguishing between the different political views.

b) Sociology helps individuals understand and confront social dynamics that allow misinformation to flourish. ✓ correct

c) Sociology constructs the core beliefs of a society.

d) Sociology establishes the norms and values of a society.

Q41. *[Multiple Choice]*

Why is possessing a sociological eye beneficial?

a) You are not aware of how society shapes you.

b) You are able to recognize how society impacts you. ✓ correct

c) You have more knowledge of societal changes.

d) You are able to make more money.

Q42. *[Multiple Choice]*

_____ occurs when groups of people are described in over–all terms.

a) Stereotyping
b) Duality
c) Generalization ✓ correct
d) Commitment

True/False (10)

Q43. *[True/False]*

Clarissa knows that the society she lives in has an effect on her, and that she can help to shape society. Clarissa has a sociological eye.

a) True ✓ correct
b) False

Correct answer: True

Q44. *[True/False]*

Generalizations are used to make informed conclusions without exceptions based on scientific research.

a) True
b) False ✓ correct

Correct answer: False

Q45. *[True/False]*

Hakim and Martha are in the same advanced placement biology class, and they both want to go to medical school. Hakim is from a wealthy family, while Martha's family is lower–income. As long as they both work hard, they have an equal chance of making it to medical school.

a) True
b) False ✓ correct

Correct answer: False

Q46. *[True/False]*

Sociologists can help us understand how global warming impacts society.

a) True ✓ correct
b) False

Correct answer: True

Q47. *[True/False]*

The example of Malala Yousafzai in the text demonstrates the power of an individual to make societal changes.

a) True ✓ correct
b) False

Correct answer: True

Q48. *[True/False]*

The primary purpose of sociological research is to reveal flaws in others' research.

a) True
b) False ✓ correct

Correct answer: False

Q49. *[True/False]*

The sociological eye is most effective when recognizing patterns of development.

a) True

b) False ✓ correct

Correct answer: False

Q50. *[True/False]*

The sociological imagination occurs by connecting individual issues to societal issues.

a) True ✓ correct

b) False

Correct answer: True

Q51. *[True/False]*

When Auguste Comte gave sociology its name, he envisioned a discipline that would help people understand their current place in society.

a) True

b) False ✓ correct

Correct answer: False

Q52. *[True/False]*

When Vicky learned of the homelessness problem in her hometown, she lobbied the state government to fund shelters and food banks outside of the large urban areas. Vicky demonstrates the two core commitments of sociology.

a) True ✓ correct

b) False

Correct answer: True

Essay (4)

Q53. *[Essay]*

Compare and contrast stereotypes and generalizations.

Suggested answer: *Sample response: Varies. Stereotypes are predetermined ideas about particular groups of people. They are passed on regardless of evidence and are often used as an excuse for discrimination. They are not based on solid evidence, and as such are bad generalizations.*

Q54. *[Essay]*

How can scientific research aid in explaining how society functions?

Suggested answer: *Sample response: Varies. In order to understand how society works, sociologists must collect and analyze data using systematic research methods that allow others to repeat and offer critique. Open, systematic research allows others to replicate the process and support conclusions or reveal flaws that help present a better scientifically sound understanding of society.*

Q55. *[Essay]*

There is a general understanding in the United States that hard work is all that is needed to succeed. Considering this, discuss the individualistic perspective and explain how it is or is not a fallacy.

Suggested answer: *Sample response: Varies, but should demonstrate an understanding of the individualistic perspective.*

Q56. *[Essay]*

Using a sociological perspective, why did W. E. B. Du Bois fail to receive a tenured faculty position, and what did he do about it?

Suggested answer: *Sample response: Answer should discuss race discrimination and how it motivated him to do research in the area of civil rights.*

Hard

Multiple Choice (16)

Q57. *[Multiple Choice]*

A commercial real estate developer makes retail placement decisions based on his perception of a certain ethnic group's concern with price over style. The developer is using _____.

a) a market imperative
b) an economic theory
c) a stereotype ✓ correct
d) research

Q58. *[Multiple Choice]*

A couple notices a homeless man begging for money. Which of these actions would be in line with the second core commitment of sociology?

a) The couple should give money to the man.
b) The couple should ignore the man so as to not encourage his begging.
c) The couple should report the man to the police.
d) The couple should try to reduce homelessness by addressing the larger trends that cause it. ✓ correct

Q59. *[Multiple Choice]*

A group of actresses accuse a popular film director of sexual misconduct. Through further investigation it is determined that sexual misconduct is widespread throughout the film industry. From a sociological point of view, this information is beneficial because it _____.

a) provides scientific research about sexual misconduct
b) informs the film industry how to solve the issue
c) explains why people become sexual predators
d) reveals larger trends within the movie industry ✓ correct

Q60. *[Multiple Choice]*

A researcher conducted a study about White women and their experiences at an upper–class university. The researcher then used these findings to argue that women at this university had good experiences while on campus. What did the researcher do in this study?

a) used generalizations to draw conclusions ✓ correct
b) relied on cohesion to prove a social pattern
c) relied on stereotypes to prove the hypothesis
d) used stereotypes to draw conclusions

Q61. *[Multiple Choice]*

A student attending high school in a low–income neighborhood wishes to attend a prestigious university. How would the individualist perspective assess this student's situation?

a) The student will not be able to afford to attend the university.
b) The student will not be able to attend the university without obtaining a grant or a loan.
c) The student will be able to attend the university if teachers recommend them.
d) The student will be able to attend the university if they work hard enough. ✓ correct

Q62. *[Multiple Choice]*

A study found that older adults have reduced reaction time. Based on this evidence, what would be a good generalization?

a) Older adults should not live alone.
b) Older adults suffer from many diseases as they age.
c) Older adults have similar developmental experiences as younger adults.
d) Older adults tend to regress physically as they age. ✓ correct

Q63. *[Multiple Choice]*

A woman sees evidence of ageism at work. Which action would be in line with the second core commitment of sociology?

a) The woman should reach out to the affected individual(s).
b) The woman should report the incidences and actively discourage discrimination. ✓ correct
c) The woman should research information about the typical victims of ageism.
d) The woman should quit and began searching for a job at a more inclusive company.

Q64. *[Multiple Choice]*

A woman sees two young men approaching on the street. She quickly crosses the street because she assumes they will cause trouble. This woman is engaging in _____.

a) stereotyping ✓ correct
b) generalizing
c) theorizing
d) hypothesizing

Q65. *[Multiple Choice]*

After seeing a report about the termination of a public health care program for low–income individuals, many people become concerned that they would no longer have health insurance. By employing a sociological imagination, which question is most applicable?

a) How will newly uninsured individuals be able to afford private health care?
b) Was the decision to terminate this program motivated by other factors? ✓ correct
c) When will the public health care program officially end?
d) What individuals or agency made the ultimate decision to terminate this program?

Q66. *[Multiple Choice]*

An intern working for a local newspaper is asked to prepare a story about a violent crime committed by a member of a marginalized group instead of a similar story about a White criminal. How could the intern use a sociological eye to examine this further?

a) by concluding that racial minorities are more likely to commit violent crimes
b) by assuming this decision was not motivated by any other factors
c) by postulating that more readers will be interested in the published story
d) by examining other patterns associated with this type of decision making ✓ correct

Q67. *[Multiple Choice]*

Caleb thought his research would find that college students cared more about partying than grades, but he was surprised to find that grades were more often the first priority in the students he surveyed. What should happen in Caleb's research next?

a) his findings need to be manipulated
b) his theory needs to be adjusted ✓ correct
c) his findings need to be discarded
d) his theory needs to be ignored

Q68. *[Multiple Choice]*

Janine was very careful to follow the scientific research process as she conducted her experiment. She most likely wanted to be sure that _____.

a) others could replicate her process ✓ correct
b) she achieved the results she expected
c) she proved her theory
d) she focused on the findings rather than the method

Q69. *[Multiple Choice]*

Kendra has been economically privileged since youth and now has a high–paying job. She often criticizes welfare recipients for "being lazy." This is an example of _____.

a) critical observation
b) spatial justice
c) the sociological imagination
d) the individualistic perspective ✓ correct

Q70. *[Multiple Choice]*

Meghan was raised in a single–parent family without much income. With the help of her teachers, she became a top student and has decided to pursue a career in education to help other children struggling with poverty. What is this an example of?

a) social forces
b) the duality of sociology ✓ correct
c) gender discrimination
d) the sociological imagination

Q71. *[Multiple Choice]*

Which of the following is an example of a stereotype?

a) expecting men to do all work that requires math skills ✓ correct
b) expecting pregnant women to take maternity leave
c) expecting employees with disabilities to disclose their disability to HR
d) expecting hiring practices to be based on merit

Q72. *[Multiple Choice]*

Which statement is an example of a good generalization?

a) Men are better drivers than women.
b) Women are more likely to experience sexism. ✓ correct
c) Men are invulnerable to sexual assault.
d) Men are better at math than women.

True/False (2)

Q73. *[True/False]*

A nurse notices that many patients living near a manufacturing center are experiencing breathing problems. He connects this to similar chronic illnesses and pollution problems in comparable neighborhoods nationwide. In this case, the nurse is using a sociological imagination.

a) True ✓ correct
b) False

Correct answer: True

Q74. *[True/False]*

A student notices that her math teacher calls on male students more than the female students. By noticing this problematic pattern, the student is using a sociological eye.

a) True ✓ correct

b) False

Correct answer: True

Essay (6)

Q75. *[Essay]*

Define the two core commitments of sociology. Discuss these commitments through an example.

Suggested answer: *Sample response: Varies. The two core commitments of sociology are to use the sociological eye to observe social patterns, and to take action to challenge patterns that are not just.*

Q76. *[Essay]*

Explain how gaining a sociological perspective can help you when experiencing an instance of prejudice. Provide an example and be specific in your response.

Suggested answer: *Sample response: Varies. You will notice social patterns that many others cannot see. Even if these patterns are unpleasant, noticing and understanding them will help you develop ways of dealing with them in your own life.*

Q77. *[Essay]*

Explain how sociology can help differentiate between authentic and fake news. Use a current example to support your argument.

Suggested answer: *Sample response: Varies. Learning the difference between good generalizations and stereotypes is one way to tell fake news from authentic news. The scientific research process is another way.*

Q78. *[Essay]*

Explain the sociological eye and how it applies to a sociological problem in society today. Describe a specific sociological problem in your example.

Suggested answer: *Sample response: The sociological eye is the ability to recognize and analyze deeper meaning in social patterns that others might miss. Examples will vary.*

Q79. *[Essay]*

Explain the sociological imagination and how it applies to understanding one specific pattern in larger society.

Suggested answer: *Sample response: The sociological imagination is the ability to connect what is happening in your own life with social patterns in larger society. Examples will vary.*

Q80. *[Essay]*

Using a sociological eye and sociological imagination, identify and describe a societal pattern that affects your life in some way. Make sure to demonstrate both concepts in your response.

Suggested answer: *Sample response: Varies, but should demonstrate an understanding of the concepts.*

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