Sociology 19th edition Macionis Test Bank

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Chapter 1: The Sociological Perspective

In this revision of the test bank, I have updated all of the questions to reflect changes in *Sociology, Nineteenth Edition*. The questions are tagged to indicate one of four levels of learning that move from lower-level to higher-level cognitive reasoning. The four levels:

Recollection: a question involving recall of key terms or factual material

Understanding: a question testing comprehension of more complex ideas

Application: a question applying sociological knowledge to some new situation

Analysis: a question requiring identifying elements of an argument and their interrelationship

The **195 questions** in this chapter's test bank are divided into four types. **True/False questions** are the least demanding. As the table below shows, two-thirds of these are "Recollection" questions, and all of them fall within the lowest three levels of cognitive reasoning ("Recollection," "Understanding," and "Application"). **Multiple-choice questions** span a broader range of skills (most are "Recollection" questions and the remainder are divided among the three higher levels). **Short-answer questions** are spread across the highest three levels of reasoning. Finally, **essay questions** are the most demanding because they require analysis and other higher levels of cognitive reasoning.

Types of Questions

	True/False	Multiple Choice	Short Answer	Essay	Total Qs
Recollection	41 (71%)	48 (44%)	0	0	89
Understanding	11 (19%)	21 (21%)	7 (37%)	0	39
Application	6 (10%)	16 (14%)	2 (10%)	3 (25%)	27
Analysis	0	21 (21%)	10 (53%)	9 (75%)	40
	58	106	19	12	195

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Chapter 1: The Sociological Perspective

TRUE/FALSE QUESTIONS

1. Most people in the United States marry partners whose racial and ethnic identity differs from their own.

   Answer: False

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   Difficulty Level: Easy

   Skill Level: Recollection

2. According to sociologists, human behavior mostly reflects our personal "free will."

   Answer: False

   Learning Objective: LO 1.1: Apply the sociological perspective to show how society shapes our individual lives.

   Topic: The Sociological Perspective

   Difficulty Level: Easy

   Skill Level: Recollection

3. Sociology is defined as the systematic study of human society.

   Answer: True

   Learning Objective: LO 1.1: Apply the sociological perspective to show how society shapes our individual lives.

   Topic: The Sociological Perspective

   Difficulty Level: Easy

   Skill Level: Recollection

4. Sociologists focus only on unusual or unexpected patterns of behavior.

   Answer: False

   Learning Objective: LO 1.1: Apply the sociological perspective to show how society shapes our individual lives.

   Topic: The Sociological Perspective

   Difficulty Level: Easy

   Skill Level: Recollection

5. Using the sociological perspective, we would look at society based on the assumption that people's lives are mostly a result of what they, as individuals, decide to do.

   Answer: False

   Learning Objective: LO 1.1: Apply the sociological perspective to show how society shapes our individual lives.

   Topic: The Sociological Perspective

   Difficulty Level: Moderate

   Skill Level: Application

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6. On average, college students in the United States come from families with above-average incomes.

   Answer: True

   Learning Objective: LO 1.1: Apply the sociological perspective to show how society shapes our individual lives.

   Topic: The Sociological Perspective

   Difficulty Level: Easy

   Skill Level: Recollection

7. Emile Durkheim provided evidence that categories of people with weaker social ties have lower suicide rates than people with stronger social ties.

   Answer: False

   Learning Objective: LO 1.1: Apply the sociological perspective to show how society shapes our individual lives.

   Topic: The Sociological Perspective

   Difficulty Level: Moderate

   Skill Level: Recollection

8. In the United States, Black people have a higher suicide rate than White people.

   Answer: False

   Learning Objective: LO 1.1: Apply the sociological perspective to show how society shapes our individual lives.

   Topic: The Sociological Perspective

   Difficulty Level: Easy

   Skill Level: Recollection

9. In the United States, men have a higher suicide rate than women.

   Answer: True

   Learning Objective: LO 1.1: Apply the sociological perspective to show how society shapes our individual lives.

   Topic: The Sociological Perspective

   Difficulty Level: Easy

   Skill Level: Recollection

10. In the United States, White people have a lower suicide rate than Hispanic people.

    Answer: False

    Learning Objective: LO 1.1: Apply the sociological perspective to show how society shapes our individual lives.

    Topic: The Sociological Perspective

    Difficulty Level: Easy

    Skill Level: Recollection

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11. People with lower social standing are usually more likely to see the world from a sociological perspective than people who are well off.

    Answer: True

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    Topic: The Sociological Perspective

    Difficulty Level: Moderate

    Skill Level: Application

12. U.S. sociologist C. Wright Mills argued that times of social crisis encourage widespread sociological thinking.

    Answer: True

    Learning Objective: LO 1.1: Apply the sociological perspective to show how society shapes our individual lives.

    Topic: The Sociological Perspective

    Difficulty Level: Easy

    Skill Level: Recollection

13. U.S. sociologist C. Wright Mills claimed that sociology encourages people to take personal responsibility for solving their own problems.

    Answer: False

    Learning Objective: LO 1.1: Apply the sociological perspective to show how society shapes our individual lives.

    Topic: The Sociological Perspective

    Difficulty Level: Easy

    Skill Level: Recollection

14. A global perspective has little in common with a sociological perspective.

    Answer: False

    Learning Objective: LO 1.2: State several reasons that having a global perspective is important in today's world.

    Topic: The Importance of a Global Perspective

    Difficulty Level: Moderate

    Skill Level: Understanding

15. Societies around the world are now more interconnected than ever before.

    Answer: True

    Learning Objective: LO 1.2: State several reasons that having a global perspective is important in today's world.

    Topic: The Importance of a Global Perspective

    Difficulty Level: Easy

    Skill Level: Recollection

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16. Studying other societies is a good way to increase awareness of not only others' social patterns but our own way of life.

    Answer: True

    Learning Objective: LO 1.2: State several reasons that having a global perspective is important in today's world.

    Topic: The Importance of a Global Perspective

    Difficulty Level: Easy

    Skill Level: Recollection

17. Barbara Ehrenreich, who spent many months working at low-wage jobs, concluded that most people in such jobs to be able to move ahead to better-paying work.

    Answer: False

    Learning Objective: LO 1.3: Identify the advantages of sociological thinking for assessing public policy, for encouraging personal growth, and for advancing in a career.

    Topic: Applying the Sociological Perspective

    Difficulty Level: Moderate

    Skill Level: Application

18. Sociological research may be interesting, but it is of little use in shaping public policy, including legislation.

    Answer: False

    Learning Objective: LO 1.3: Identify the advantages of sociological thinking for assessing public policy, for encouraging personal growth, and for advancing in a career.

    Topic: Applying the Sociological Perspective

    Difficulty Level: Easy

    Skill Level: Recollection

19. The sociological perspective helps us to assess the truth of the "common sense" beliefs most people tend to take for granted.

    Answer: True

    Learning Objective: LO 1.3: Identify the advantages of sociological thinking for assessing public policy, for encouraging personal growth, and for advancing in a career.

    Topic: Applying the Sociological Perspective

    Difficulty Level: Easy

    Skill Level: Recollection

20. Learning to see and think sociologically is useful because almost all jobs require understanding how various categories of people differ in their beliefs and patterns of behavior.

    Answer: True

    Learning Objective: LO 1.3: Identify the advantages of sociological thinking for assessing public policy, for encouraging personal growth, and for advancing in a career.

    Topic: Applying the Sociological Perspective

    Difficulty Level: Moderate

    Skill Level: Recollection

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21. Sociology is useful training for any job that involves working with people.

    Answer: True

    Learning Objective: LO 1.3: Identify the advantages of sociological thinking for assessing public policy, for encouraging personal growth, and for advancing in a career.

    Topic: Applying the Sociological Perspective

    Difficulty Level: Easy

    Skill Level: Recollection

22. Sociology developed along with the feudal system in European societies roughly one thousand years ago.

    Answer: False

    Learning Objective: LO 1.4: Link the origins of sociology to historical social changes.

    Topic: The Origins of Sociology

    Difficulty Level: Easy

    Skill Level: Recollection

23. The discipline of sociology first took root in France, Germany, and England.

    Answer: True

    Learning Objective: LO 1.4: Link the origins of sociology to historical social changes.

    Topic: The Origins of Sociology

    Difficulty Level: Easy

    Skill Level: Recollection

24. Among all academic disciplines that are taught at colleges and universities today, sociology is one of the youngest.

    Answer: True

    Learning Objective: LO 1.4: Link the origins of sociology to historical social changes.

    Topic: The Origins of Sociology

    Difficulty Level: Easy

    Skill Level: Recollection

25. The term *sociology* was coined by Emile Durkheim in 1898.

    Answer: False

    Learning Objective: LO 1.4: Link the origins of sociology to historical social changes.

    Topic: The Origins of Sociology

    Difficulty Level: Easy

    Skill Level: Recollection

26. Ancient philosophers, including Plato, were primarily interested in imagining the “ideal” society rather than studying society as it really is.

    Answer: True

    Learning Objective: LO 1.4: Link the origins of sociology to historical social changes.

    Topic: The Origins of Sociology

    Difficulty Level: Easy

    Skill Level: Recollection

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27. Across the history of human societies, the last of Auguste Comte's three stages is the metaphysical stage, in which people seek to know the world in terms of a divine plan.

    Answer: False

    Learning Objective: LO 1.4: Link the origins of sociology to historical social changes.

    Topic: The Origins of Sociology

    Difficulty Level: Easy

    Skill Level: Recollection

28. The English philosopher Thomas Hobbes believed that society reflected the basic goodness of human nature.

    Answer: False

    Learning Objective: LO 1.4: Link the origins of sociology to historical social changes.

    Topic: The Origins of Sociology

    Difficulty Level: Easy

    Skill Level: Recollection

29. Auguste Comte approached society as a positivist because he believed that there were laws of society in the same way that the laws of physics guide the operation of the natural world.

    Answer: True

    Learning Objective: LO 1.4: Link the origins of sociology to historical social changes.

    Topic: The Origins of Sociology

    Difficulty Level: Moderate

    Skill Level: Understanding

30. Sociologists gather facts in order to confirm, reject, or modify the theories they develop.

    Answer: True

    Learning Objective: LO 1.5: Summarize sociology's major theoretical approaches.

    Topic: Sociological Theory

    Difficulty Level: Easy

    Skill Level: Recollection

31. The chapter explains that, in general, areas of the country with high population density have high rates of suicide.

    Answer: False

    Learning Objective: LO 1.5: Summarize sociology's major theoretical approaches.

    Topic: Sociological Theory

    Difficulty Level: Moderate

    Skill Level: Understanding

32. The structural-functional, social-conflict, and symbolic-interaction approaches are three basic theoretical approaches in sociology.

    Answer: True

    Learning Objective: LO 1.5: Summarize sociology's major theoretical approaches.

    Topic: Sociological Theory

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Difficulty Level: Easy

Skill Level: Recollection

33. According to Robert K. Merton, all social patterns exist because they are good and have the same beneficial effect on all members of a society.

    Answer: False

    Learning Objective: LO 1.5: Summarize sociology's major theoretical approaches.

    Topic: Sociological Theory

    Difficulty Level: Easy

    Skill Level: Understanding

34. Rarely are members of a society aware of all the functions of any social structure.

    Answer: True

    Learning Objective: LO 1.5: Summarize sociology's major theoretical approaches.

    Topic: Sociological Theory

    Difficulty Level: Easy

    Skill Level: Recollection

35. Delaying the entry of young people into the labor market is one latent function of higher education.

    Answer: True

    Learning Objective: LO 1.5: Summarize sociology's major theoretical approaches.

    Topic: Sociological Theory

    Difficulty Level: Moderate

    Skill Level: Application

36. We would correctly describe tens of thousands of deaths in traffic accidents each year as a manifest function of our society's reliance on personal automobiles.

    Answer: False

    Learning Objective: LO 1.5: Summarize sociology's major theoretical approaches.

    Topic: Sociological Theory

    Difficulty Level: Difficult

    Skill Level: Application

37. To say that a social pattern is "dysfunctional" simply means that it has more than one function for the operation of society.

    Answer: False

    Learning Objective: LO 1.5: Summarize sociology's major theoretical approaches.

    Topic: Sociological Theory

    Difficulty Level: Easy

    Skill Level: Understanding

38. The goal of the structural-functional approach is not just to understand how society operates, but to reduce social inequality.

    Answer: False

    Learning Objective: LO 1.5: Summarize sociology's major theoretical approaches.

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Topic: Sociological Theory

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Skill Level: Understanding

39. In the United States, secondary schools provide students with an education that reflects, in part, the social standing of their families.

    Answer: True

    Learning Objective: LO 1.5: Summarize sociology's major theoretical approaches.

    Topic: Sociological Theory

    Difficulty Level: Moderate

    Skill Level: Understanding

40. Both feminism and the gender-conflict approach highlight ways in which women and men are socially unequal.

    Answer: True

    Learning Objective: LO 1.5: Summarize sociology's major theoretical approaches.

    Topic: Sociological Theory

    Difficulty Level: Easy

    Skill Level: Recollection

41. W. E. B. Du Bois translated the writings of Auguste Comte from French into English.

    Answer: False

    Learning Objective: LO 1.5: Summarize sociology's major theoretical approaches.

    Topic: Sociological Theory

    Difficulty Level: Easy

    Skill Level: Recollection

42. Harriet Martineau, who wrote about the evils of slavery and worked to improve the lives of factory workers, is widely regarded as the first woman sociologist.

    Answer: True

    Learning Objective: LO 1.5: Summarize sociology's major theoretical approaches.

    Topic: Sociological Theory

    Difficulty Level: Easy

    Skill Level: Recollection

43. W. E. B. Du Bois, the first Black person to earn a doctorate from Harvard University, sought not only to understand problems faced by Black communities in the United States but to encourage change that would solve them.

    Answer: True

    Learning Objective: LO 1.5: Summarize sociology's major theoretical approaches.

    Topic: Sociological Theory

    Difficulty Level: Easy

    Skill Level: Recollection

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44. Like the gender-conflict approach, the race-conflict approach has a focus on social inequality.

    Answer: True

    Learning Objective: LO 1.5: Summarize sociology's major theoretical approaches.

    Topic: Sociological Theory

    Difficulty Level: Easy

    Skill Level: Recollection

45. W. E. B. Du Bois wrote a classic study of the Black community in the city of Philadelphia.

    Answer: True

    Learning Objective: LO 1.5: Summarize sociology's major theoretical approaches.

    Topic: Sociological Theory

    Difficulty Level: Easy

    Skill Level: Recollection

46. W. E. B. Du Bois tried to discourage sociologists from studying controversial topics such as racial inequality.

    Answer: False

    Learning Objective: LO 1.5: Summarize sociology's major theoretical approaches.

    Topic: Sociological Theory

    Difficulty Level: Easy

    Skill Level: Understanding

47. Both Karl Marx and W. E. B. Du Bois carried out their research guided by the structural-functional approach.

    Answer: False

    Learning Objective: LO 1.5: Summarize sociology's major theoretical approaches.

    Topic: Sociological Theory

    Difficulty Level: Easy

    Skill Level: Recollection

48. Among the various theoretical paradigms in sociology, the symbolic-interaction approach is a micro-level orientation.

    Answer: True

    Learning Objective: LO 1.5: Summarize sociology's major theoretical approaches.

    Topic: Sociological Theory

    Difficulty Level: Easy

    Skill Level: Recollection

49. The focus of the symbolic-interaction approach is how society is divided by class, race, and gender.

    Answer: False

    Learning Objective: LO 1.5: Summarize sociology's major theoretical approaches.

    Topic: Sociological Theory

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Difficulty Level: Easy

Skill Level: Recollection

50. Social-exchange analysis is one micro-level approach to understanding social interaction.

    Answer: True

    Learning Objective: LO 1.5: Summarize sociology's major theoretical approaches.

    Topic: Sociological Theory

    Difficulty Level: Moderate

    Skill Level: Understanding

51. Sociological research shows that all categories of people in the United States have had the same opportunities to participate in sports.

    Answer: False

    Learning Objective: LO 1.6: Apply sociology's major theoretical approaches to the topic of sports.

    Topic: Applying the Approaches: The Sociology of Sports

    Difficulty Level: Moderate

    Skill Level: Understanding

52. People included in racial and ethnic minority categories of the U.S. population represent a far larger share of team players than CEOs/presidents.

    Answer: True

    Learning Objective: LO 1.6: Apply sociology's major theoretical approaches to the topic of sports.

    Topic: Applying the Approaches: The Sociology of Sports

    Difficulty Level: Easy

    Skill Level: Recollection

53. The meaning people find in competitive sports would be one focus of a symbolic-interaction approach.

    Answer: True

    Learning Objective: LO 1.6: Apply sociology's major theoretical approaches to the topic of sports.

    Topic: Applying the Approaches: The Sociology of Sports

    Difficulty Level: Moderate

    Skill Level: Application

54. A symbolic-interaction analysis focuses on broad patterns of social inequality involving all of society's major institutions.

    Answer: False

    Learning Objective: LO 1.6: Apply sociology's major theoretical approaches to the topic of sports.

    Topic: Applying the Approaches: The Sociology of Sports

    Difficulty Level: Moderate

    Skill Level: Recollection

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55. Structural-functional theory tends to be politically conservative, just as social-conflict theory tends to be politically progressive.

    Answer: True

    Learning Objective: LO 1.7: Understand the links between the sociological perspective, sociological theory, and political analysis.

    Topic: The Politics of Sociology

    Difficulty Level: Moderate

    Skill Level: Recollection

56. Historically, the discipline of sociology developed largely as an effort to address social problems.

    Answer: True

    Learning Objective: LO 1.7: Understand the links between the sociological perspective, sociological theory, and political analysis.

    Topic: The Politics of Sociology

    Difficulty Level: Easy

    Skill Level: Recollection

57. On balance, the discipline of sociology directs attention more to choices made by individuals (politically speaking, a conservative perspective) and less to the structures of society (politically speaking, a progressive perspective).

    Answer: True

    Learning Objective: LO 1.7: Understand the links between the sociological perspective, sociological theory, and political analysis.

    Topic: The Politics of Sociology

    Difficulty Level: Easy

    Skill Level: Recollection

58. Sociological generalizations are the same as simple stereotypes.

    Answer: False

    Learning Objective: LO 1.7: Understand the links between the sociological perspective, sociological theory, and political analysis.

    Topic: The Politics of Sociology

    Difficulty Level: Moderate

    Skill Level: Understanding

MULTIPLE-CHOICE QUESTIONS

59. What does the sociological perspective reveal about people's selection of marriage partners?

    a. People marry because they fall in love.

    b. When it comes to romance, it is all a matter of personal taste.

    c. Typically, a person marries someone of similar social position.

    d. When it comes to love, opposites attract.

    Answer: c

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Difficulty Level: Moderate

Skill Level: Analysis

60. The statement that the social world guides our actions and life choices just as the seasons influence activities and choice of clothing is best described as which of the following?

a. The basis of what philosophy calls "free will"

b. The essential wisdom of the discipline of sociology

c. Evidence that people everywhere have "common sense"

d. Evidence that people from countries all around the world make mostly the same choices about how to live

Answer: b

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Topic: The Sociological Perspective

Difficulty Level: Easy

Skill Level: Understanding

61. Which of the following disciplines defines itself as "the systematic study of human society"?

a. Sociology

b. Psychology

c. Economics

d. History

Answer: a

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Topic: The Sociological Perspective

Difficulty Level: Easy

Skill Level: Recollection

62. Peter Berger describes using the sociological perspective as seeing the _____ in the _____.

a. good; worst tragedies

b. new; old

c. specific; general

d. general; particular

Answer: d

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Difficulty Level: Easy

Skill Level: Recollection

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63. By stating that the sociological perspective shows us "the strange in the familiar," the chapter argues that sociologists _____.

    a. focus on the bizarre elements of society

    b. reject the familiar idea that people simply decide how to act in favor of the initially strange idea that society shapes our lives

    c. believe that people often behave in strange ways

    d. believe that even people who are most familiar to us have some very strange habits

    Answer: b

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    Topic: The Sociological Perspective

    Difficulty Level: Moderate

    Skill Level: Recollection

64. Three campus roommates are talking about why they have come to college. A sociological view of going to college highlights the effect of _____.

    a. only age, because college students tend to be young

    b. only class, because college students tend to come from families with above-average incomes

    c. only our place in history, because a century ago going to college was not an option for most people

    d. age, class, and our place in history, because these are all ways in which society guides college attendance

    Answer: d

    Learning Objective: LO 1.1: Apply the sociological perspective to show how society shapes our individual lives.

    Topic: The Sociological Perspective

    Difficulty Level: Moderate

    Skill Level: Application

65. The chapter's sociological analysis of childbearing around the world suggests that the number of children born to a woman reflects _____.

    a. only her personal preference for family size

    b. how many children she can afford

    c. whether she lives in a low-income or a high-income society

    d. simply the desires of her husband

    Answer: c

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    Topic: The Sociological Perspective

    Difficulty Level: Easy

    Skill Level: Recollection

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66. According to Emile Durkheim, categories of people with a higher suicide rate typically have _____.

    a. more clinical depression

    b. less money, power, and other resources

    c. lower levels of social integration

    d. higher self-esteem

    Answer: c

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    Topic: The Sociological Perspective

    Difficulty Level: Moderate

    Skill Level: Analysis

67. The pioneering sociologist who studied patterns of suicide in Europe was _____.

    a. Robert K. Merton

    b. Auguste Comte

    c. Emile Durkheim

    d. Karl Marx

    Answer: c

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    Topic: The Sociological Perspective

    Difficulty Level: Easy

    Skill Level: Recollection

68. In the United States today, the suicide rate is highest for which of the following categories of people?

    a. White men

    b. Black men

    c. White women

    d. Black women

    Answer: a

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    Topic: The Sociological Perspective

    Difficulty Level: Easy

    Skill Level: Recollection

69. Because there is more social isolation in rural areas of the United States than in urban areas, we would expect suicide rates to be _____.

    a. higher in urban areas

    b. higher in rural areas

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c. high in both urban and rural areas

d. low in both urban and rural areas

Answer: b

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Difficulty Level: Moderate

Skill Level: Analysis

70. Sociologists use the term "social marginality" to refer to _____.

a. people who have little understanding of sociology

b. people who have unusual social skills

c. people who are defined by others as "outsiders"

d. people who are especially sensitive about their family background

Answer: c

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Difficulty Level: Easy

Skill Level: Recollection

71. Because social marginality encourages sociological thinking, we might expect people in which category listed below to make the most use of the sociological perspective?

a. Wealthy and powerful people

b. People within a racial minority category

c. Politicians

d. People in the middle class

Answer: b

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Difficulty Level: Difficult

Skill Level: Analysis

72. Following the thinking of C. Wright Mills, we would expect the sociological imagination to be more widespread _____.

a. during times of peace and prosperity

b. among very rich people

c. among very religious people

d. during times of social crisis

Answer: d

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Difficulty Level: Moderate

Skill Level: Understanding

73. C. Wright Mills claimed that the "sociological imagination" transformed _____.

a. common sense into laws of society

b. activists for change into supporters of the status quo

c. personal problems into public issues

d. scientific research into common sense

Answer: c

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Difficulty Level: Moderate

Skill Level: Understanding

74. The United States falls within which category of the world's nations?

a. Low-income nations

b. Middle-income nations

c. High-income nations

d. Socially marginalized nations

Answer: c

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Topic: The Importance of a Global Perspective

Difficulty Level: Easy

Skill Level: Recollection

75. Countries in which average people's income is typical for the world as a whole and in which people are as likely to live in a rural area as in an urban area are categorized as _____.

a. low-income nations

b. middle-income nations

c. high-income nations

d. socially marginalized nations

Answer: b

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Skill Level: Understanding

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76. The nations of Western Europe, Israel, Japan, and Australia fall into which category of countries?

    a. Low-income nations

    b. Middle-income nations

    c. High-income nations

    d. Socially marginalized nations

    Answer: c

    Learning Objective: LO 1.2: State several reasons that having a global perspective is important in today's world.

    Topic: The Importance of a Global Perspective

    Difficulty Level: Easy

    Skill Level: Recollection

77. Almost all of Latin American nations (excluding Mexico) and almost all of Asian nations fall into the category of _____.

    a. low-income nations

    b. middle-income nations

    c. high-income nations

    d. socially marginalized nations

    Answer: b

    Learning Objective: LO 1.2: State several reasons that having a global perspective is important in today's world.

    Topic: The Importance of a Global Perspective

    Difficulty Level: Easy

    Skill Level: Recollection

78. Understanding how social patterns differ from one country to another increases _____.

    a. distrust among people living in various nations

    b. the rate of global social change

    c. our understanding of both ways of life in other nations and our own way of life

    d. conflict among global nations

    Answer: c

    Learning Objective: LO 1.2: State several reasons that having a global perspective is important in today's world.

    Topic: The Importance of a Global Perspective

    Difficulty Level: Moderate

    Skill Level: Recollection

79. The steady flow of people and products into the United States each year supports the conclusion that _____.

    a. the world's nations are increasingly interconnected

    b. other nations have little effects on life in high-income countries such as the United States

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c. people around the world share little in terms of their ways of life

d. sociologists have little reason to pay attention to nations other than the United States

Answer: a

Learning Objective: LO 1.2: State several reasons that having a global perspective is important in today's world.

Topic: The Importance of a Global Perspective

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Skill Level: Understanding

80. Gaining a global understanding is _____.

a. unimportant because the United States is so rich and there is little reason for us to learn about other nations

b. important for college students because most new U.S. jobs involve some element of international trade

c. unimportant because there is no longer very much poverty in the world

d. important because people the world over have ways of life that are very much the same

Answer: b

Learning Objective: LO 1.2: State several reasons that having a global perspective is important in today's world.

Topic: The Importance of a Global Perspective

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Skill Level: Analysis

81. Social problems that exist in the United States, such as poverty and gender inequality, are _____.

a. less serious in lower-income countries

b. more serious in lower-income countries

c. equally serious in lower-income countries

d. unheard of in lower-income countries

Answer: b

Learning Objective: LO 1.2: State several reasons that having a global perspective is important in today's world.

Topic: The Importance of a Global Perspective

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Skill Level: Understanding

82. Sarah is spending a summer living in another country where people have a way of life that differs from her own. A sociologist might expect that this experience would lead her to _____.

a. end up with a greater understanding of both a new way of life and her own way of life

b. accept what people in the United States call "common sense"

c. assume that people's lives simply reflect the choices they make

d. gradually understand less and less about her own way of life

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Answer: a

Learning Objective: LO 1.2: State several reasons that having a global perspective is important in today's world.

Topic: The Importance of a Global Perspective

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Skill Level: Application

83. Making use of the sociological perspective encourages _____.

a. challenging many commonly held beliefs

b. acceptance of all commonly held wisdom

c. the belief that society is mysterious

d. people to be happy with their lives as they are

Answer: a

Learning Objective: LO 1.3: Identify the advantages of sociological thinking for assessing public policy, for encouraging personal growth, and for advancing in a career.

Topic: Applying the Sociological Perspective

Difficulty Level: Easy

Skill Level: Understanding

84. In recent years, sociological research has helped policy makers to _____.

a. plan establishing communities on other planets

b. reduce the extent of political polarization in the Unted States

c. better understand the role of race in interactions between police and the public

d. boost the earnings of major corporations in the United States

Answer: c

Learning Objective: LO 1.3: Identify the advantages of sociological thinking for assessing public policy, for encouraging personal growth, and for advancing in a career.

Topic: Applying the Sociological Perspective

Difficulty Level: Easy

Skill Level: Recollection

85. Learning more sociology can help you _____.

a. understand that people have little control over their lives

b. assess the opportunities and constraints in your life

c. understand that people should accept their lives just as they are

d. see how individuals guide their own lives through "free will"

Answer: b

Learning Objective: LO 1.3: Identify the advantages of sociological thinking for assessing public policy, for encouraging personal growth, and for advancing in a career.

Topic: Applying the Sociological Perspective

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Skill Level: Analysis

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86. In the feature about Barbara Ehrenreich working at low-wage jobs, we learned that she _____.

    a. was able to make a good living right from the start

    b. worked very hard, but barely made enough money to pay for her basic needs

    c. found most of her coworkers to be dull and lazy

    d. was eventually convinced that personal ability is everything

    Answer: b

    Learning Objective: LO 1.3: Identify the advantages of sociological thinking for assessing public policy, for encouraging personal growth, and for advancing in a career.

    Topic: Applying the Sociological Perspective

    Difficulty Level: Easy

    Skill Level: Recollection

87. Which of the following statements best illustrates the career advantage a person gains by studying sociology?

    a. A researcher discovers a new and effective vaccine.

    b. A person in retail sales knows how to exceed the monthly sales target.

    c. A police officer understands which categories of people are at high risk of becoming victims of crime.

    d. A financial services worker devises a new type of hedge fund.

    Answer: c

    Learning Objective: LO 1.3: Identify the advantages of sociological thinking for developing public policy, for encouraging personal growth, and for advancing in a career.

    Topic: Applying the Sociological Perspective

    Difficulty Level: Moderate

    Skill Level: Application

88. Sociology provides an advantage to students preparing for later careers by preparing them for work _____.

    a. only as teachers of sociology

    b. only in criminal justice or social work

    c. only as clinical sociologists

    d. in teaching, criminal justice, business, and many other careers

    Answer: d

    Learning Objective: LO 1.3: Identify the advantages of sociological thinking for assessing public policy, for encouraging personal growth, and for advancing in a career.

    Topic: Applying the Sociological Perspective

    Difficulty Level: Easy

    Skill Level: Recollection

89. Examples of people applying their knowledge of sociology at work include people in medicine _____.

    a. declining to offer treatment to certain categories of people

    b. understanding patterns of health in a community

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c. working as clinical sociologists

d. understanding that factors like race, class, and gender have no effect on well-being

Answer: b

Learning Objective: LO 1.3: Identify the advantages of sociological thinking for assessing public policy, for encouraging personal growth, and for advancing in a career.

Topic: Applying the Sociological Perspective

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Skill Level: Application

90. Among the historical changes that stimulated the development of sociology as a discipline was _____.

a. the founding of the Roman Catholic church

b. the rise of the industrial economy and growth of cities

c. the power of tradition

d. a belief that our futures are defined by "fate"

Answer: b

Learning Objective: LO 1.4: Link the origins of sociology to historical social changes.

Topic: The Origins of Sociology

Difficulty Level: Easy

Skill Level: Recollection

91. We would expect that the sociological perspective to be most likely to develop in a society that was _____.

a. very traditional

b. experiencing many social changes

c. very low income

d. small and socially isolated

Answer: b

Learning Objective: LO 1.4: Link the origins of sociology to historical social changes.

Topic: The Origins of Sociology

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Skill Level: Analysis

92. Sociology first appeared as a formal discipline in _____.

a. the United States

b. Japan

c. France

d. China

Answer: c

Learning Objective: LO 1.4: Link the origins of sociology to historical social changes.

Topic: The Origins of Sociology

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Difficulty Level: Easy

Skill Level: Recollection

93. The term "sociology" was coined in 1838 by _____.

a. Karl Marx

b. Herbert Spencer

c. Adam Smith

d. Auguste Comte

Answer: d

Learning Objective: LO 1.4: Link the origins of sociology to historical social changes.

Topic: The Origins of Sociology

Difficulty Level: Easy

Skill Level: Recollection

94. Sociology differs from the older discipline of philosophy by focusing on _____.

a. what the ideal society should be

b. human nature

c. the place of divine forces in shaping human events

d. how society actually operates

Answer: d

Learning Objective: LO 1.4: Link the origins of sociology to historical social changes.

Topic: The Origins of Sociology

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Skill Level: Understanding

95. The major goal of sociology's pioneers, including Auguste Comte and Emile Durkheim, was _____.

a. to serve the powerful

b. to help build an "ideal society"

c. to discover how society actually operates

d. to prevent disruptive social change

Answer: c

Learning Objective: LO 1.4: Link the origins of sociology to historical social changes.

Topic: The Origins of Sociology

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Skill Level: Understanding

96. Auguste Comte described the earliest human societies as being at which stage of historical development?

a. Theological stage

b. Metaphysical stage

c. Scientific stage

d. Postscientific stage

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Answer: a

Learning Objective: LO 1.4: Link the origins of sociology to historical social changes.

Topic: The Origins of Sociology

Difficulty Level: Easy

Skill Level: Recollection

97. According to Auguste Comte, people living in Europe during the Middle Ages thought of society as _____.

a. a system operating according to its own laws

b. chaotic and having little order or form

c. an expression of God's will

d. a system of behavior according to natural laws

Answer: c

Learning Objective: LO 1.4: Link the origins of sociology to historical social changes.

Topic: The Origins of Sociology

Difficulty Level: Easy

Skill Level: Recollection

98. The ancient Romans saw the stars as being gods. Auguste Comte would classify ancient Roman society as being in which of the following stages of history?

a. Scientific stage

b. Metaphysical stage

c. Theological stage

d. Postscientific stage

Answer: c

Learning Objective: LO 1.4: Link the origins of sociology to historical social changes.

Topic: The Origins of Sociology

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Skill Level: Analysis

99. According to Auguste Comte, the development of sociology took place as society entered which stage of development?

a. Theological stage

b. Metaphysical stage

c. Scientific stage

d. Postscientific stage

Answer: c

Learning Objective: LO 1.4: Link the origins of sociology to historical social changes.

Topic: The Origins of Sociology

Difficulty Level: Easy

Skill Level: Recollection

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100. Thomas Hobbes's idea that society reflects a selfish human nature illustrates the thinking common at which of Auguste Comte's historical stages?

    a. Theological stage

    b. Metaphysical stage

    c. Scientific stage

    d. Postscientific stage

    Answer: b

    Learning Objective: LO 1.4: Link the origins of sociology to historical social changes.

    Topic: The Origins of Sociology

    Difficulty Level: Moderate

    Skill Level: Application

101. According to Auguste Comte, the type of thinking favored by people such as Thomas Edison, the inventor of the light bulb, becomes common in a society at which stage of societal development?

    a. Theological stage

    b. Metaphysical stage

    c. Scientific stage

    d. Postscientific stage

    Answer: c

    Learning Objective: LO 1.4: Link the origins of sociology to historical social changes.

    Topic: The Origins of Sociology

    Difficulty Level: Difficult

    Skill Level: Analysis

102. _____ is a way of understanding the world based on science.

    a. Tradition

    b. Positivism

    c. Metaphysics

    d. Free will

    Answer: b

    Learning Objective: LO 1.4: Link the origins of sociology to historical social changes.

    Topic: The Origins of Sociology

    Difficulty Level: Easy

    Skill Level: Recollection

103. When did sociology become established as an academic discipline in the United States?

    a. During the Middle Ages

    b. About 1800

    c. About 1900

    d. About 2000

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Answer: c

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Topic: The Origins of Sociology

Difficulty Level: Easy

Skill Level: Recollection

104. Most of today's sociologists agree with Auguste Comte's claim that _____.

a. no society has reached the scientific stage of history

b. human behavior is not patterned and orderly

c. sociology should be based on religion

d. science is an important foundation of sociology

Answer: d

Learning Objective: LO 1.4: Link the origins of sociology to historical social changes.

Topic: The Origins of Sociology

Difficulty Level: Easy

Skill Level: Understanding

105. Sociologists cannot identify "laws of society" that allow us to precisely predict the behavior of an individual because _____.

a. human behavior may display patterns, but it is also spontaneous

b. sociology is still very young

c. no sociologist ever tried to discover such laws

d. no sociologist would wish to predict human behavior

Answer: a

Learning Objective: LO 1.4: Link the origins of sociology to historical social changes.

Topic: The Origins of Sociology

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Skill Level: Analysis

106. A statement that explains how and why specific facts are related is called a(n) _____.

a. approach

b. precept

c. concept

d. theory

Answer: d

Learning Objective: LO 1.5: Summarize sociology's major theoretical approaches.

Topic: Sociological Theory

Difficulty Level: Easy

Skill Level: Recollection

107. To evaluate a theory using evidence, sociologists _____.

a. gather data or facts

b. accept the conventional wisdom of their society

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c. are guided by their personal feelings about the issue

d. look to the past for guidance

Answer: a

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Topic: Sociological Theory

Difficulty Level: Easy

Skill Level: Understanding

108. If we state that children raised in single-parent families are at higher risk of becoming single parents themselves, we have constructed a _____ of family life.

a. paradigm

b. precept

c. concept

d. theory

Answer: d

Learning Objective: LO 1.5: Summarize sociology's major theoretical approaches.

Topic: Sociological Theory

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Skill Level: Application

109. In deciding what kinds of questions to ask in their research, sociologists drawn on their professional training and are guided by _____.

a. one or more theoretical approaches

b. their own common sense

c. our society's traditional wisdom

d. sheer chance

Answer: a

Learning Objective: LO 1.5: Summarize sociology's major theoretical approaches.

Topic: Sociological Theory

Difficulty Level: Easy

Skill Level: Recollection

110. Looking at the United States, high suicide rates are typical of areas in which people _____.

a. live densely packed in cities

b. live spread apart in rural areas

c. have higher incomes

d. live in a warmer climate

Answer: b

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Topic: Sociological Theory

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Difficulty Level: Easy

Skill Level: Recollection

111. The early sociologists Auguste Comte and Emile Durkheim used the _____.

a. the structural-functional approach

b. the social-conflict approach

c. the symbolic-interaction approach

d. theological approach

Answer: a

Learning Objective: LO 1.5: Summarize sociology's major theoretical approaches.

Topic: Sociological Theory

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Skill Level: Understanding

112. The theoretical approach in sociology that views society as a complex system whose parts work together to promote solidarity and stability is the _____.

a. structural-functional approach

b. social-conflict approach

c. symbolic-interaction approach

d. tradition-based approach

Answer: a

Learning Objective: LO 1.5: Summarize sociology's major theoretical approaches.

Topic: Sociological Theory

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Skill Level: Understanding

113. Which of the following concepts is used to describe relatively stable patterns of social behavior?

a. Social structure

b. Manifest functions

c. Social functions

d. Social dysfunctions

Answer: a

Learning Objective: LO 1.5: Summarize sociology's major theoretical approaches.

Topic: Sociological Theory

Difficulty Level: Easy

Skill Level: Recollection

114. The structural-functional approach is concerned with _____.

a. the meaning people attach to their behavior

b. patterns of social inequality

c. the consequences of social patterns for the operation of society

d. ways in which each person differs from all others

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Answer: c

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Topic: Sociological Theory

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Skill Level: Analysis

115. Identify the three sociologists who played a part in the development of sociology's structural-functional approach.

a. Auguste Comte, Karl Marx, W. E. B. Du Bois

b. Auguste Comte, Herbert Spencer, Emile Durkheim

c. Herbert Spencer, Karl Marx, Auguste Comte

d. Harriet Martineau, Robert K. Merton, W. E. B. Du Bois

Answer: b

Learning Objective: LO 1.5: Summarize sociology's major theoretical approaches.

Topic: Sociological Theory

Difficulty Level: Easy

Skill Level: Recollection

116. Herbert Spencer described human society as a complex system having much in common with _____.

a. animal societies

b. planets and stars

c. the human brain

d. the human body

Answer: d

Learning Objective: LO 1.5: Summarize sociology's major theoretical approaches.

Topic: Sociological Theory

Difficulty Level: Easy

Skill Level: Recollection

117. Who was the U.S. sociologist who explained that social patterns have both manifest functions and latent functions?

a. Robert K. Merton

b. William Graham Sumner

c. Talcott Parsons

d. C. Wright Mills

Answer: a

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Topic: Sociological Theory

Difficulty Level: Easy

Skill Level: Recollection

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118. The recognized and intended consequences of a social pattern are referred to as _____.
    a. latent functions
    b. manifest functions
    c. eufunctions
    d. dysfunctions
    Answer: b
    Learning Objective: LO 1.5: Summarize sociology's major theoretical approaches.
    Topic: Sociological Theory
    Difficulty Level: Easy
    Skill Level: Recollection
119. Unrecognized and unintended consequences of a social pattern are called _____.
    a. latent functions
    b. manifest functions
    c. operational functions
    d. dysfunctions
    Answer: a
    Learning Objective: LO 1.5: Summarize sociology's major theoretical approaches.
    Topic: Sociological Theory
    Difficulty Level: Easy
    Skill Level: Recollection
120. An example of a latent function of college is _____.
    a. providing skills needed for later jobs
    b. keeping young people out of the labor force, which may not have jobs for them
    c. gaining the knowledge required to be an active and thoughtful citizen
    d. giving young people experience living on their own
    Answer: b
    Learning Objective: LO 1.5: Summarize sociology's major theoretical approaches.
    Topic: Sociological Theory
    Difficulty Level: Moderate
    Skill Level: Application
121. Social structures sometimes have negative consequences for the operation of society as a whole. Which of the following concepts refers to these negative consequences?
    a. Social structure
    b. Manifest functions
    c. Social functions
    d. Social dysfunctions
    Answer: d
    Learning Objective: LO 1.5: Summarize sociology's major theoretical approaches.
    Topic: Sociological Theory

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Difficulty Level: Easy

Skill Level: Recollection

122. Robert K. Merton explained that what is functional for one category of people _____.

a. is always functional for everyone

b. may not be functional for people in another category

c. is unlikely to change over time

d. can never be functional in the future

Answer: b

Learning Objective: LO 1.5: Summarize sociology's major theoretical approaches.

Topic: Sociological Theory

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Skill Level: Understanding

123. Understanding marriage using the structural-functional approach might prompt you to consider _____.

a. what people think marriage means

b. how marriage benefits women and men unequally

c. the consequences of marriage for the operation of society

d. how can we help people find more pleasure in their marriages

Answer: c

Learning Objective: LO 1.5: Summarize sociology's major theoretical approaches.

Topic: Sociological Theory

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Skill Level: Application

124. The main characteristic of the _____ approach is its view of society as being orderly and stable.

a. structural-functional

b. social-conflict

c. social-interaction

d. tradition-based

Answer: a

Learning Objective: LO 1.5: Summarize sociology's major theoretical approaches.

Topic: Sociological Theory

Difficulty Level: Easy

Skill Level: Recollection

125. A fair criticism of the structural-functional approach is that it _____.

a. ignores inequality that can generate tension and conflict

b. focuses too much on social dysfunction

c. focuses too much on power divisions in society

d. is a politically liberal view of society

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Answer: a

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Topic: Sociological Theory

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Skill Level: Analysis

126. A limitation of the structural-functional approach is that it _____.

a. is not concerned with the consequences of patterns of social behavior

b. is not focused on macro-level social structures

c. does not use the sociological perspective

d. focuses on stability at the expense of conflict

Answer: d

Learning Objective: LO 1.5: Summarize sociology's major theoretical approaches.

Topic: Sociological Theory

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Skill Level: Analysis

127. The "framework for building theory that sees society as an arena of inequality that generates conflict and change" is the _____.

a. structural-functional approach.

b. social-conflict approach

c. symbolic-interaction approach

d. tradition-based approach

Answer: b

Learning Objective: LO 1.5: Summarize sociology's major theoretical approaches.

Topic: Sociological Theory

Difficulty Level: Easy

Skill Level: Recollection

128. The social-conflict approach draws attention to _____.

a. how elements contribute to the overall operation of society

b. how people construct meaning in their interaction

c. patterns of social inequality

d. the stable aspects of society

Answer: c

Learning Objective: LO 1.5: Summarize sociology's major theoretical approaches.

Topic: Sociological Theory

Difficulty Level: Easy

Skill Level: Recollection

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129. Looking at the operation of U.S. schools guided by the social-conflict approach might lead a sociologist to conclude that _____.
    a. the function of schools is to teach needed skills
    b. the meaning of schooling varies from child to child
    c. schools have been a major path to social advancement
    d. our society provides some students with far better schooling than others
    Answer: d
    Learning Objective: LO 1.5: Summarize sociology's major theoretical approaches.
    Topic: Sociological Theory
    Difficulty Level: Moderate
    Skill Level: Application
130. Using the social-conflict approach, a sociologist might highlight _____.
    a. income differences among young people in high school.
    b. the functions of sports for society as a whole
    c. meanings people associate with various family members
    d. the functions of a social institution such as the family
    Answer: a
    Learning Objective: LO 1.5: Summarize sociology's major theoretical approaches.
    Topic: Sociological Theory
    Difficulty Level: Difficult
    Skill Level: Application
131. Karl Marx, guided by the social-conflict approach, argued that the point of studying society was _____.
    a. to understand how society really operates
    b. to compare U.S. society to others
    c. to foster support for a nation's government
    d. to bring about greater social equality
    Answer: d
    Learning Objective: LO 1.5: Summarize sociology's major theoretical approaches.
    Topic: Sociological Theory
    Difficulty Level: Easy
    Skill Level: Understanding
132. _____ had an important influence on the development of the social-conflict approach.
    a. Karl Marx
    b. Talcott Parsons
    c. Emile Durkheim
    d. Herbert Spencer
    Answer: a
    Learning Objective: LO 1.5: Summarize sociology's major theoretical approaches.

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Difficulty Level: Easy
Skill Level: Recollection

133. The social-conflict approach sometimes receives criticism for _____.
a. focusing on values that everyone shares
b. being openly political
c. promoting the status quo
d. ignoring factors like class
Answer: b
Learning Objective: LO 1.5: Summarize sociology's major theoretical approaches.
Topic: Sociological Theory
Difficulty Level: Difficult
Skill Level: Analysis

134. A sociologist using the gender-conflict approach might be expected to state that _____.
a. men and women share in the joys of family life
b. in many ways, men are in positions of power over women
c. gender functions in an important way to keep society operating
d. men and women enjoy equal rights and privileges in our society
Answer: b
Learning Objective: LO 1.5: Summarize sociology's major theoretical approaches.
Topic: Sociological Theory
Difficulty Level: Difficult
Skill Level: Analysis

135. Who helped launch the discipline of sociology by studying the evils of slavery and also by translating the writings of Auguste Comte?
a. Harriet Martineau
b. Jane Addams
c. Elizabeth Cady Stanton
d. Dorothea Dix
Answer: a
Learning Objective: LO 1.5: Summarize sociology's major theoretical approaches.
Topic: Sociological Theory
Difficulty Level: Easy
Skill Level: Recollection

136. Which pioneering sociologist founded Chicago's Hull House to assist immigrants and was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize?
a. Jane Addams
b. Harriet Martineau

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c. W. E. B. Du Bois

d. Herbert Spencer

Answer: a

Learning Objective: LO 1.5: Summarize sociology's major theoretical approaches.

Topic: Sociological Theory

Difficulty Level: Easy

Skill Level: Recollection

137. Which early sociologist received the first doctorate ever awarded by Harvard University to a person of color?

a. Jane Addams

b. Harriet Martineau

c. W. E. B. Du Bois

d. Herbert Spencer

Answer: c

Learning Objective: LO 1.5: Summarize sociology's major theoretical approaches.

Topic: Sociological Theory

Difficulty Level: Easy

Skill Level: Recollection

138. Which early U.S. sociologist studied the Black community and served as a founding member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)?

a. Jane Addams

b. Harriet Martineau

c. W. E. B. Du Bois

d. Herbert Spencer

Answer: c

Learning Objective: LO 1.5: Summarize sociology's major theoretical approaches.

Topic: Sociological Theory

Difficulty Level: Easy

Skill Level: Recollection

139. Which of the following theoretical approaches would you expect to highlight the fact that, on average, Black families have less income than White families?

a. The race-conflict approach

b. The gender-conflict approach

c. The structural-functional approach

d. The symbolic-interaction approach

Answer: a

Learning Objective: LO 1.5: Summarize sociology's major theoretical approaches.

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Difficulty Level: Moderate

Skill Level: Understanding

140. W. E. B. Du Bois claimed that _____ was the major problem facing the United States during the twentieth century.

a. class

b. race

c. gender

d. ethnicity

Answer: b

Learning Objective: LO 1.5: Summarize sociology's major theoretical approaches.

Topic: Sociological Theory

Difficulty Level: Easy

Skill Level: Recollection

141. W. E. B. Du Bois described Black Americans as having a "double consciousness" because _____.

a. most Black Americans felt that, compared to White people, they had to be twice as careful in how they acted

b. there is a double disadvantage for those who are both low income and Black

c. Black people have to work twice as hard as White people to get the same reward

d. Black Americans are not "just Americans"; they are American citizens who have a second identity based on skin color

Answer: d

Learning Objective: LO 1.5: Summarize sociology's major theoretical approaches.

Topic: Sociological Theory

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Skill Level: Analysis

142. The _____ approaches are macro-level, describing societies in broad, structural terms.

a. structural-functional and social-conflict

b. structural-functional and symbolic-interaction

c. social-conflict and symbolic-interaction

d. gender-conflict and symbolic-interaction

Answer: a

Learning Objective: LO 1.5: Summarize sociology's major theoretical approaches.

Topic: Sociological Theory

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Skill Level: Understanding

143. Which of the following examples illustrates a micro-level focus?

a. The operation of the U.S. economy

b. Patterns of global terrorism

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c. Two people on an airplane getting to know one another in conversation

d. Class inequality in the armed forces

Answer: c

Learning Objective: LO 1.5: Summarize sociology's major theoretical approaches.

Topic: Sociological Theory

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Skill Level: Application

144. The basic idea of the symbolic-interaction approach is that society is _____.

a. an arena of conflict between categories of people

b. the product of people interacting in countless everyday situations

c. a system that operates to benefit people

d. a system that generates social inequality

Answer: b

Learning Objective: LO 1.5: Summarize sociology's major theoretical approaches.

Topic: Sociological Theory

Difficulty Level: Easy

Skill Level: Understanding

145. Which theoretical approach claims that it is not so much what people do that matters as much as what meaning they attach to their behavior?

a. Structural-functional approach

b. Social-conflict approach

c. Symbolic-interaction approach

d. Social-exchange approach

Answer: c

Learning Objective: LO 1.5: Summarize sociology's major theoretical approaches.

Topic: Sociological Theory

Difficulty Level: Easy

Skill Level: Understanding

146. _____, one of the founding sociologists, urged sociologists to understand a social setting from the point of view of the people in it.

a. Karl Marx

b. Emile Durkheim

c. Auguste Comte

d. Max Weber

Answer: d

Learning Objective: LO 1.5: Summarize sociology's major theoretical approaches.

Topic: Sociological Theory

Difficulty Level: Easy

Skill Level: Recollection

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147. Looking at romantic relationships, a social-exchange analysis would point out that _____.
    a. people typically seek mates who offer as much as they do
    b. class differences are reflected in favored sports
    c. people build reality as they introduce themselves
    d. people who do more important work usually earn more pay
    Answer: a
    Learning Objective: LO 1.5: Summarize sociology's major theoretical approaches.
    Topic: Sociological Theory
    Difficulty Level: Moderate
    Skill Level: Analysis
148. A common criticism of the symbolic-interaction approach is that it _____.
    a. calls attention to major social institutions
    b. says little about the influence of structural factors such as culture, class, gender, and race
    c. paints a very positive picture of society
    d. says little about how individuals actually experience society
    Answer: b
    Learning Objective: LO 1.5: Summarize sociology's major theoretical approaches.
    Topic: Sociological Theory
    Difficulty Level: Moderate
    Skill Level: Analysis
149. A limitation of the symbolic-interaction approach is that it _____.
    a. is not concerned with the meaning people attach to behavior
    b. is focused only on macro-level social structures
    c. does not use the sociological perspective
    d. does not focus on the widespread influence of culture
    Answer: d
    Learning Objective: LO 1.5: Summarize sociology's major theoretical approaches.
    Topic: Sociological Theory
    Difficulty Level: Moderate
    Skill Level: Analysis
150. The symbolic-interaction approach focuses on how _____.
    a. society held together
    b. society is divided
    c. individuals actually experience social situations
    d. some people protect their privileges
    Answer: c
    Learning Objective: LO 1.5: Summarize sociology's major theoretical approaches.
    Topic: Sociological Theory

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Difficulty Level: Easy

Skill Level: Recollection

151. A manifest function of sports is _____.

a. providing a source of recreation and physical conditioning

b. fostering social relationships

c. generating jobs

d. teaching a society's way of life

Answer: a

Learning Objective: LO 1.6: Apply sociology's major theoretical approaches to the topic of sports.

Topic: Applying the Approaches: The Sociology of Sports

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Skill Level: Application

152. Building social relationships and creating tens of thousands of jobs are two of the _____ of sports.

a. manifest functions

b. latent functions

c. dysfunctions

d. nonfunctions

Answer: b

Learning Objective: LO 1.6: Apply sociology's major theoretical approaches to the topic of sports.

Topic: Applying the Approaches: The Sociology of Sports

Difficulty Level: Easy

Skill Level: Understanding

153. A social-conflict approach to sports would be an analysis of _____.

a. the way in which sports help encourage competition

b. the importance of physical ability in success

c. how sports reflect social inequality

d. the different meanings people attach to games

Answer: c

Learning Objective: LO 1.6: Apply sociology's major theoretical approaches to the topic of sports.

Topic: Applying the Approaches: The Sociology of Sports

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Skill Level: Application

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154. Racial discrimination in professional baseball is evident today in _____.
    a. the fact that just 2.5 percent of team owners are in a racial or ethnic minority category of the population
    b. the exclusion of Black and Latino players from professional baseball
    c. the fact that a majority of players are Black or Latino
    d. the fact that today's players earn far less than players earned fifty years ago

    Answer: a

    Learning Objective: LO 1.6: Apply sociology's major theoretical approaches to the topic of sports.

    Topic: Applying the Approaches: The Sociology of Sports

    Difficulty Level: Moderate

    Skill Level: Analysis

155. A symbolic-interaction analysis of sports would conclude that _____.
    a. winning at sports means different things to different people
    b. some categories of people benefit more than others from sports
    c. sports help develop important cultural values
    d. most team presidents and CEOs are White men

    Answer: a

    Learning Objective: LO 1.6: Apply sociology's major theoretical approaches to the topic of sports.

    Topic: Applying the Approaches: The Sociology of Sports

    Difficulty Level: Moderate

    Skill Level: Analysis

156. Using the symbolic-interaction approach, sports becomes _____.
    a. a structure that contributes to the functioning of society
    b. a matter of social inequality
    c. less a system than an ongoing process of interaction that creates meaning
    d. just a game without any meaning

    Answer: c

    Learning Objective: LO 1.6: Apply sociology's major theoretical approaches to the topic of sports.

    Topic: Applying the Approaches: The Sociology of Sports

    Difficulty Level: Moderate

    Skill Level: Application

157. The insight that engaging in sports helps to encourage competition and the pursuit of individual success, both of which are central to our society's way of life, reflects which theoretical approach?
    a. The race-conflict approach
    b. The structural-functional approach

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c. The symbolic-interaction approach

d. The gender-conflict approach

Answer: b

Learning Objective: LO 1.6: Apply sociology's major theoretical approaches to the topic of sports.

Topic: Applying the Approaches: The Sociology of Sports

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Skill Level: Application

158. A major benefit of learning and applying the language of politics is _____.

a. understanding that sociological analysis has no political consequences

b. gaining the ability to make sociological generalizations

c. becoming a more engaged citizen

d. remaining free of any bias

Answer: c

Learning Objective: LO 1.7: Understand the links between the sociological perspective, sociological theory, and political analysis.

Topic: The Politics of Sociology

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Skill Level: Recollection

159. Which theoretical approach focuses on society as it exists and, therefore, tends to be politically conservative?

a. The structural-functional approach

b. The gender-conflict approach

c. The race-conflict approach

d. The symbolic-interaction approach

Answer: a

Learning Objective: LO 1.7: Understand the links between the sociological perspective, sociological theory, and political analysis.

Topic: The Politics of Sociology

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Skill Level: Recollection

160. Which theoretical approach is a micro-level approach that is generally viewed as more personal and less political?

a. The structural-functional approach

b. The gender-conflict approach

c. The race-conflict approach

d. The symbolic-interaction approach

Answer: d

Learning Objective: LO 1.7: Understand the links between the sociological perspective, sociological theory, and political analysis.

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Topic: The Politics of Sociology

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Skill Level: Recollection

161. Which theoretical approach tends to be critical of social inequality and, therefore, is politically progressive?

a. The structural-functional approach

b. The social-conflict approach

c. Any micro-level analysis

d. The symbolic-interaction approach

Answer: b

Learning Objective: LO 1.7: Understand the links between the sociological perspective, sociological theory, and political analysis.

Topic: The Politics of Sociology

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Skill Level: Recollection

162. Sociology developed largely as an effort to address social problems, and the sociological perspective directs our attention not to individual choices as much as to structures of society. Therefore, the chapter concludes, seeing the world sociologically tends to encourage people to be _____.

a. likely to engage in stereotyping

b. conservative

c. nonpolitical

d. progressive

Answer: a

Learning Objective: LO 1.7: Understand the links between the sociological perspective, sociological theory, and political analysis.

Topic: The Politics of Sociology

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Skill Level: Application

163. A simplified description unfairly applied to every person in the same category is called _____.

a. a sociological insight

b. a sociological generalization

c. a stereotype

d. an act of discrimination

Answer: c

Learning Objective: LO 1.7: Understand the links between the sociological perspective, sociological theory, and political analysis.

Topic: The Politics of Sociology

Difficulty Level: Easy

Skill Level: Recollection

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164. Unlike simple stereotypes, sociological generalizations _____.

    a. apply to all individuals in some category

    b. are based on all available facts

    c. are motivated by bias

    d. ignore facts

    Answer: b

    Learning Objective: LO 1.7: Understand the links between the sociological perspective, sociological theory, and political analysis.

    Topic: The Politics of Sociology

    Difficulty Level: Moderate

    Skill Level: Understanding

SHORT-ANSWER QUESTIONS

165. In several sentences, explain the essential wisdom of sociology.

    Learning Objective: LO 1.1: Apply the sociological perspective to show how society shapes our individual lives.

    Topic: The Sociological Perspective

    Difficulty Level: Moderate

    Skill Level: Understanding

166. What did Peter Berger mean when he said the sociological perspective is "seeing the general in the particular"?

    Learning Objective: LO 1.1: Apply the sociological perspective to show how society shapes our individual lives.

    Topic: The Sociological Perspective

    Difficulty Level: Difficult

    Skill Level: Analysis

167. In the individualistic culture of North America, why can the sociological perspective be described as "seeing the strange in the familiar"?

    Learning Objective: LO 1.1: Apply the sociological perspective to show how society shapes our individual lives.

    Topic: The Sociological Perspective

    Difficulty Level: Difficult

    Skill Level: Analysis

168. Explain why the power of society is evident in the decision to bear a child or even in the very personal decision to die by suicide.

    Learning Objective: LO 1.1: Apply the sociological perspective to show how society shapes our individual lives.

    Topic: The Sociological Perspective

    Difficulty Level: Difficult

    Skill Level: Application

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169. What did C. Wright Mills mean by "the sociological imagination"? How does this point of view reveal a limitation of what members of our society call "common sense"? How does it change the way we see personal problems?

    Learning Objective: LO 1.1: Apply the sociological perspective to show how society shapes our individual lives.

    Topic: The Sociological Perspective

    Difficulty Level: Difficult

    Skill Level: Analysis

170. Why is a global approach a logical extension of the sociological perspective?

    Learning Objective: LO 1.2: State several reasons that having a global perspective is important in today's world.

    Topic: The Importance of a Global Perspective

    Difficulty Level: Moderate

    Skill Level: Understanding

171. Explain some of the personal benefits of learning to use the sociological perspective, including career advantages.

    Learning Objective: LO 1.3: Identify the advantages of sociological thinking for assessing public policy, for encouraging personal growth, and for advancing in a career.

    Topic: Applying the Sociological Perspective

    Difficulty Level: Difficult

    Skill Level: Application

172. Name the three social changes in European history that were especially important to the development of sociology. Why did change spark the development of sociology?

    Learning Objective: LO 1.4: Link the origins of sociology to historical social changes.

    Topic: The Origins of Sociology

    Difficulty Level: Moderate

    Skill Level: Understanding

173. What can you say sociologically about when and where the discipline of sociology developed?

    Learning Objective: LO 1.4: Link the origins of sociology to historical social changes.

    Topic: The Origins of Sociology

    Difficulty Level: Difficult

    Skill Level: Analysis

174. In several sentences, explain the focus of the structural-functional approach.

    Learning Objective: LO 1.5: Summarize sociology's major theoretical approaches.

    Topic: Sociological Theory

    Difficulty Level: Moderate

    Skill Level: Understanding

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175. Distinguish between the manifest and latent functions of schooling, sports, the COVID-19 pandemic, iPhones, or another social pattern of your choosing.

    Learning Objective: LO 1.5: Summarize sociology's major theoretical approaches.

    Topic: Sociological Theory

    Difficulty Level: Moderate

    Skill Level: Analysis

176. What is social structure? How do the structural-functional and social-conflict approaches understand social structure differently?

    Learning Objective: LO 1.5: Summarize sociology's major theoretical approaches.

    Topic: Sociological Theory

    Difficulty Level: Difficult

    Skill Level: Analysis

177. In several sentences, explain the focus of the social-conflict approach.

    Learning Objective: LO 1.5: Summarize sociology's major theoretical approaches.

    Topic: Sociological Theory

    Difficulty Level: Moderate

    Skill Level: Understanding

178. Explain the focus of the gender-conflict or feminist approach. Guided by this approach, provide several sentences that offer a critical analysis of our society.

    Learning Objective: LO 1.5: Summarize sociology's major theoretical approaches.

    Topic: Sociological Theory

    Difficulty Level: Difficult

    Skill Level: Analysis

179. Briefly describe the contributions of W. E. B. Du Bois to sociology.

    Learning Objective: LO 1.5: Summarize sociology's major theoretical approaches.

    Topic: Sociological Theory

    Difficulty Level: Moderate

    Skill Level: Understanding

180. Briefly explain the difference between a macro-level and a micro-level theoretical orientation.

    Learning Objective: LO 1.5: Summarize sociology's major theoretical approaches.

    Topic: Sociological Theory

    Difficulty Level: Moderate

    Skill Level: Analysis

181. In several sentences, explain the focus of the symbolic-interaction approach.

    Learning Objective: LO 1.5: Summarize sociology's major theoretical approaches.

    Topic: Sociological Theory

    Difficulty Level: Moderate

    Skill Level: Understanding

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182. In several sentences, point to benefits derived from incorporating political analysis as well as analysis using sociological theory.

    Learning Objective: LO 1.7: Understand the links between the sociological perspective, sociological theory, and political analysis.

    Topic: The Politics of Sociology

    Difficulty Level: Difficult

    Skill Level: Analysis

183. Describe the political character of each of sociology's major theoretical approaches: the structural-functional approach, the social-conflict approach, and the symbolic-interaction approach.

    Learning Objective: LO 1.7: Understand the links between the sociological perspective, sociological theory, and political analysis.

    Topic: The Politics of Sociology

    Difficulty Level: Difficult

    Skill Level: Analysis

ESSAY QUESTIONS/TOPICS FOR SHORT PAPERS

184. The sociological perspective helps us recognize that the lives of individuals are shaped by the forces of society. Explain, in a short essay, how the sociological perspective reveals "the general in the particular." To illustrate, explain how society plays a part in your own decision to attend college.

    Learning Objective: LO 1.1: Apply the sociological perspective to show how society shapes our individual lives.

    Topic: The Sociological Perspective

    Difficulty Level: Difficult

    Skill Level: Application

185. Since beginning this course in sociology, how has your view of the world changed? Provide one specific example of something in your life that you see differently now compared to before you started this course. Is this change a good thing? Explain.

    Learning Objective: LO 1.1: Apply the sociological perspective to show how society shapes our individual lives.

    Topic: The Sociological Perspective

    Difficulty Level: Difficult

    Skill Level: Analysis

186. Provide three examples of how using the sociological perspective highlights general patterns in the particular choices made by individuals.

    Learning Objective: LO 1.1: Apply the sociological perspective to show how society shapes our individual lives.

    Topic: The Sociological Perspective

    Difficulty Level: Difficult

    Skill Level: Application

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187. Sociologists increasingly focus on not just U.S. society, but the world as a whole. Provide several reasons for this global focus. How is an awareness of global patterns, such as immigration or social inequality, very much a part of the sociological perspective?

    Learning Objective: LO 1.2: State several reasons that having a global perspective is important in today's world.

    Topic: The Importance of a Global Perspective

    Difficulty Level: Difficult

    Skill Level: Analysis

188. Do you see any dangers in adopting the sociological perspective too intensely? For example, by saying that society is at work in all of our choices about how to live, do we lose any sense of personal responsibility for our actions?

    Learning Objective: LO 1.3: Identify the advantages of sociological thinking for assessing public policy, for encouraging personal growth, and for advancing in a career.

    Topic: Applying the Sociological Perspective

    Difficulty Level: Difficult

    Skill Level: Analysis

189. Imagine that you were asked by another student, "What would be the benefits of taking a course in sociology?" Explain how and why sociology can transform the way someone sees the world.

    Learning Objective: LO 1.3: Identify the advantages of sociological thinking for assessing public policy, for encouraging personal growth, and for advancing in a career.

    Topic: Applying the Sociological Perspective

    Difficulty Level: Difficult

    Skill Level: Analysis

190. Explain how the structural-functional approach is more focused on understanding society as it is and how the social-conflict approach (consider the gender-conflict or race-conflict approaches) is more focused on social change. Do you prefer one approach to the other? Explain.

    Learning Objective: LO 1.5: Summarize sociology's major theoretical approaches.

    Topic: Sociological Theory

    Difficulty Level: Difficult

    Skill Level: Analysis

191. Point out what the viewpoint of a sociologist who is influenced by the structural-functional approach (say, Emile Durkheim) has in common with that of a sociologist influenced by the social-conflict approach (say, Karl Marx). That is, how are they both sociological? At the same time, how does each represent a different assumption about the nature of society? How is the purpose of sociological study different?

    Learning Objective: LO 1.5: Summarize sociology's major theoretical approaches.

    Topic: Sociological Theory

    Difficulty Level: Difficult

    Skill Level: Analysis

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192. Develop the differences among the three theoretical approaches by applying each to the family. In each case, how do we understand a family and its operation?

    Learning Objective: LO 1.5: Summarize sociology's major theoretical approaches.

    Topic: Sociological Theory

    Difficulty Level: Difficult

    Skill Level: Application

193. Can you identify some social pattern that people in our society tend to see as an expression of personal ability or personal choice? Describe the pattern and then explain how society is also at work in the pattern you have identified.

    Learning Objective: LO 1.6: Apply sociology's major theoretical approaches to the topic of sports.

    Topic: Applying the Approaches: The Sociology of Sports

    Difficulty Level: Moderate

    Skill Level: Analysis

194. The types of questions we ask about society affect the answers we receive; similarly, the theoretical approach we employ shapes the consequences of our research for society going forward. Explain the links between theoretical analysis and political analysis.

    Learning Objective: LO 1.7: Understand the links between the sociological perspective, sociological theory, and political analysis.

    Topic: The Politics of Sociology

    Difficulty Level: Difficult

    Skill Level: Analysis

195. Explain the difference between sociological generalizations about categories of people and the simple stereotypes we hear in everyday life.

    Learning Objective: LO 1.7: Understand the links between the sociological perspective, sociological theory, and political analysis.

    Topic: The Politics of Sociology

    Difficulty Level: Difficult

    Skill Level: Analysis

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