

**Sociology 204 - Introduction to Sociology
Final Exam - Take Home**

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Instructions: This exam provides you with the opportunity to show me that you have engaged the course material. Because this is a take-home exam, you may consult books, notes, and other course materials. My guess is that many of you will also consult with friends and peers in the class. Some of you will find that burdensome. When you complete the exam, put your answers in the appropriate bubbles of a GREEN SCANTRON, half-sheet with 50 questions on each side. Return the exam and the Scantron sheet to my office (740 PLC) between 10-11am Wed. Dec. 10th.

MULTIPLE CHOICE. Choose the one alternative that best completes the statement or answers the question.

1) According to C. Wright Mills, the important decisions in the United States are made by the _____.
_____.

- A) power elite
- B) lobbyists in Washington
- C) middle class in American society
- D) Congress

2) From a functionalist perspective teaching knowledge and skills reinforces positive consequences in students, this is also known as:

- A) the latent functions.
- B) the negative functionalist approach toward education.
- C) the manifest functions.
- D) the transmission of new ideologies.

3) Industrialized nations have become _____ societies and employers use diplomas and degrees to determine who is eligible for jobs, even though the diploma or degree may be irrelevant to the actual work.

- A) creditable
- B) credential
- C) fiduciary
- D) red tape

4) If a large group of people organize to promote or resist social change, they are involved in a _____.
_____.

- A) riot
- B) moral panic
- C) social movement
- D) social revolution

5) According to conflict theorists, the hidden curriculum perpetuates _____.

- A) mainstreaming of students
- B) social inequalities
- C) promoting individual change
- D) the hidden agenda of teachers

6) Early city-states were headed by a king or queen. This form of government is known as a(n) _____.
_____.

- A) patriarchy
- B) oligarchy
- C) democracy
- D) monarchy

7) According to Durkheim, _____ is a set of beliefs and practices related to sacred things that unite people into a moral community.

- A) religion
- B) theology
- C) credo
- D) cult

8) Industrialization can enhance people's quality of life, if we _____.

- A) control and diminish industrialization's effect on the natural world
- B) continue industrializing at full speed
- C) allow businesses to make all environmental decisions
- D) continue to develop more new technologies

- 9) According to Max Weber the idea that Protestants should work hard and be thrifty was an unexpected consequence of the _____.
- A) Industrial Revolution B) exploitation of workers by capitalists
C) shift to a *Gemeinschaft* society D) Reformation
- 10) In the former Soviet Union, environmental pollution is so severe that _____.
- A) a large environmental social movement has emerged
B) the life expectancy of Russians has dropped
C) factories have been shut down for "smog" days
D) the birth rate has decreased
- 11) A scientific experiment conducted by medical researchers from Columbia University supported the hypothesis that prayer:
- A) provides comfort to members of a faith community.
B) is an ineffective solution to the problems of women's infertility.
C) is an effective mechanism for social control.
D) helps women who have fertility problems to become pregnant.
- 12) According to Marx, human history shows that struggle develops between the thesis and its antithesis, leading to a synthesis. Marx called this historical change a _____.
- A) radical transformation B) cyclical activity
C) analytic process D) dialectical process
- 13) The target of a redemptive social movement is the _____, and the goal is _____.
- A) society; to change specific aspects of society
B) individual; to change a particular behavior
C) society; to transform the social order
D) individual; to change the entire person
- 14) A primary criticism leveled against capitalism is that it:
- A) leads to severe social inequalities.
B) does not respect individual rights.
C) produces more products than can be reasonably consumed.
D) promotes immorality.
- 15) Janice has been asked to figure out the population growth rate for last year for the United States. To accomplish this, Janice will use the basic demographic equation. This simple equation reads as follows _____.
- A) births + deaths - net migration B) births - deaths + net migration
C) births + deaths + net migration D) births - deaths - net migration
- 16) Louisiana has canceled millions of dollars of taxes owed by corporations that have been in business for many years under its start-up company incentives. These tax breaks are an example of _____.
- A) the "trickle-down" policy B) corporate welfare
C) government-corporate collusion D) welfare capitalism
- 17) The burning of fossil fuels allow sunlight to enter the earth's atmosphere freely, but inhibit the release of heat. This is referred to as _____.
- A) the depletion of the ozone layer B) global warming
C) acid rain D) the greenhouse effect

18) Who plays a crucial role in social movements as they act as the gatekeepers of information regarding it?

- A) the mass media
- B) moral entrepreneurs
- C) the power elite
- D) the average consumer

19) Beeker began kindergarten in the fall. On the eighth day of class, Beeker was assigned to the "slow learner" group and placed at a table in the back of the room. Based on Rist's research, it is likely that placing Beeker in this group will result in _____.

- A) Beeker's teachers spending more time teaching him
- B) Beeker becoming withdrawn and quiet
- C) increasing Beeker's motivation to learn
- D) a self-fulfilling prophecy

20) The _____ refers to the powerful nations that dominate the world today.

- A) Triumvirate
- B) Dominant Four
- C) Group of Seven
- D) Tri-council

21) The likelihood of being exposed to air pollution, hazardous waste, and pesticides is greater if the person _____.

- A) is a racial minority and/or is poor
- B) lives in a rural area
- C) lives in the suburbs
- D) lives in the inner city

22) Jerry and Mike are members of the National Rifle Association. This group would be considered a _____.

- A) power elite committee
- B) fringe group
- C) special-interest group
- D) lobby committee

23) Which of the following variables has the strongest influence on the variations found in American family life?

- A) social class
- B) education
- C) race
- D) religious affiliation

24) Tracking is often used to accomplish the _____.

- A) gatekeeping function
- B) mainstreaming of slower students
- C) critical thinking in classrooms
- D) establishment of equality

25) Most people tend to marry again after a divorce, but the average woman today tends to _____.

- A) wait longer to remarry than women in the 1960s
- B) remarries after a shorter period than men
- C) wait longer to remarry than men
- D) remarry more quickly than women in the 1960s

26) When it comes to injuries incurred during battering:

- A) gender equality vanishes with more wives than husbands requiring medical attention.
- B) gender equality vanishes with more husbands than wives requiring medical attention.
- C) gender equality remains with as many husbands as wives requiring medical attention.
- D) gender is irrelevant... whoever strikes the first blow is less likely to require medical attention.

27) Marital homogamy tends to occur in the choice of marriage partners because of:

- A) heterogamy.
- B) propinquity.
- C) exogamy.
- D) endogamy.

28) _____ contended that an item's value is based on the work that has gone into it, and the only way that a profit can be made is to pay workers less than the value of their work.

- A) Emile Durkheim
- B) Karl Marx
- C) Max Weber
- D) Michael Useem

29) According to sociologists, social movements go through stages as they grow and mature. Of these stages, the crucial stage that enables social movements to become more stable and continue is the _____ stage.

- A) institutionalization
- B) organizational
- C) resource mobilization
- D) unrest and agitation

30) The computer now allows the instantaneous transfer of billions of dollars from one country to another. One of the concerns of governments about this easy transferring of digitized money is that _____.

- A) the money could be put into the wrong accounts
- B) the money is easily counterfeited
- C) the money would be easily lost
- D) it is difficult to control and to tax the transactions

31) In the United States, the choice of a marriage partner tends to be _____.

- A) highly influenced by pheromones
- B) based on individuals engaging in a rational cost/benefit analysis
- C) influenced by age, education, class, race and religion
- D) unpredictable because "love is blind"

32) With the rain forests disappearing rapidly, it is believed that _____.

- A) ten thousand plant and animal species are lost annually
- B) this has been halted with the passage of new laws
- C) this will not affect industrialized nations significantly
- D) the media is exaggerating the effects of this problem

33) According to the text, there is no energy shortage now, nor will there ever be, as fossil fuels are not the only source of energy available. Conflict theorists argue that these abundant alternative sources are not used because they:

- A) present a threat to multinational corporations' oil monopoly.
- B) are not yet known how to harness these sources.
- C) would be too expensive to use.
- D) are not as efficient as burning fossil fuels.

34) According to historian Arnold Toynbee, all civilizations _____.

- A) end in a sudden and total collapse
- B) will decline and die, except Western civilization
- C) reach a peak and then decline and die
- D) will eventually become socialistic

35) Jane is getting married in the spring and is worried that her chances of getting divorced are extremely likely given the high divorce rate in the U.S. In this instance, Jane is misusing statistics as divorce statistics _____.

- A) do not accurately reflect reality
- B) have nothing to do with any one individual marriage
- C) do not consider if this is a second marriage.
- D) depends on the age of the couple

36) Secularization refers to the process:

- A) by which spiritual concerns are replaced by worldly concerns.
- B) religion is used to legitimate governmental regulations.
- C) by which religiously oriented television and radio shows become popularized.
- D) by which a person's worldly concerns are replaced by spiritual concerns.

37)The sociological significance of global capitalism is that _____ owe allegiance only to profits and market share, not to any nation.

- A) interlocking directorates B) multinational corporations
- C) oligopolies D) monopolies

38) Berger suggests that _____ is the *ultimate* foundation of any political state.

- A) power B) tradition C) violence D) authority

39) A central sociological principle of education is that a nation's education _____.

- A) is a formal system that is necessary in all societies
- B) is a reflection of its culture
- C) becomes obsolete in a few years
- D) creates a system of transferring individuals

40) Functionalists argue that the incest taboo is a nearly universal norm because it:

- A) facilitates the socialization of children as it avoids role confusion.
- B) prevents the transference of genetic defects.
- C) is universally regarded as a deviant act.
- D) reinforces patriarchal authority.

TRUE / FALSE. Mark "a" if the statement is true and 'b' if the statement is false.

41)The migration rate is the only demographic variable that does not affect the global population.

42)The Anti-Malthusians believe that the poorer countries of the world are in the second stage of the demographic transition.

43)Saying that terrorism is a military response by militarily weak groups to militarily strong states is the same as saying that terrorism is morally justified.

44)In most Least Industrialized Nations, motherhood is the most highly exalted status a woman can achieve.

45) In the U.S., racial minorities and the poor are less likely to experience the effects of pollution.

46)An exponential growth curve is a pattern of growth in which numbers double during approximately equal intervals, thus accelerating in the latter stages.

47)The second stage of the demographic transition is characterized by a low birth rate and a high death rate.

48)When technology from the industrialized world is introduced into traditional societies, it is likely that the society will experience a population explosion.

49)Poor people in the least industrialized countries consider children economic liabilities, but continue to have large families out of tradition and deep religious values.

50) Environmental sociologists are generally environmental activists and try to influence governmental policies.

51) The sociological significance of technology is how it affects people's lives.

MULTIPLE CHOICE ROUND TWO!!

52) Which of the following is not a characteristic of bureaucracies?

- a) written rules
- b) a division of labor
- c) shared ownership of office materials
- d) replaceable offices and positions.

53) According to materials in this class, why do the leaders of governments try to foster the belief that their nation is good?

- a) to foster goodness in the population
- b) because the nation is good
- c) to encourage citizen involvement
- d) because it helps create the perception of legitimate power.

54) According to sociological research, there is a strong tendency for people to end up:

- a) in the same social class as their parents
- b) in a higher social class than their parents
- c) in a lower social class than their parents
- d) all of the above

55) To have freedom is to:

- a) be in total control of your life.
- b) Have no responsibilities
- c) Be able to formulate options
- d) Be left alone

56) Which of the following is not an example of corporate welfare?

- a) The state of Louisiana offering over \$300 million in tax breaks to Shell Oil and Exxon.
- b) A \$110 million tax refund to Microsoft in 1999.
- c) Making executive salaries tax deductible for corporations
- d) Requiring polluting industries to invest in clean technologies.

57) Structural causes of poverty differ from personal causes of poverty in which of the following ways?

- a) they do not differ.
- b) Structural causes are determined by the way the society distributes resources and access to resources while personal causes come from particular choices and the consequences of those choices.
- c) Structural causes of poverty do not shape people's experiences and the resources they bring to bear on difficulties in life.
- d) Personal causes are much more pervasive.

58) Which of the following best describes the pattern of gentrification?

- A. Concentric zone model
- B. Invasion succession cycle
- C. Multiple nuclei model
- D. Symbolic interactionism

59) What pair of factors initiated and accelerated the move to the suburbs?

- A. White flight, deindustrialization
- B. Urban riots, the automobile
- C. Disinvestment, white flight
- D. Racial integration, the automobile

60) Which of the following is true of BOTH the megacity and metrolopolis?

- A. City composed of smaller cities and suburbs
- B. City spans two states or provinces
- C. Less than 10 million residents
- D. Most located in the Least industrialized nations

61) Of the "Urban Giants" which city will have the SMALLEST population in 2015?

- A. Tokyo
- B. Sao Paulo
- C. Los Angeles
- D. Shanghai

62) According to the symbolic interactionist perspective, which of the following is NOT a reason why people in the least industrialized nations have so many children?

- A. The status of parenthood
- B. Community support
- C. Children support the parents
- D. Religious custom

63) Which of the following would be considered the underlying structural causes of the problem of the "second shift" as identified by Hochschild?

- a) increasing numbers of women entering the workforce since 1950s
- b) steady decline in real wages for workers since 1970s
- c) increase in the number of hours Americans work
- d) all of the above

64) Which religion is the most dominant in the United States today?

- a) Catholic
- b) Baptist
- c) there is no one dominant group
- d) Lutheran

- 65) According to the text, what is the *essential difference* between cohabitation and marriage?
- a) couples who cohabitate stay together longer than couples who marry
 - b) marriage legally binds people together, cohabitation does not
 - c) the idea of commitment
 - d) couples who are married generally report they are happier than couples who cohabitate
- 66) Along which lines does the *digital divide*, the unequal access to computer technology, tend to divide people in the United States?
- a) racial/ ethnic groups, social class, and geographical location
 - b) gender, age, and race
 - c) social class, gender, education level
 - d) none of the above
- 67) Which of the following is **not** an element of religion as defined by Durkheim:
- a. Rituals
 - b. Spirituality
 - c. Beliefs
 - d. A Church
- 68) Couples are approximately _____ times more likely to cohabitate in the United States in 2000 than in 1970.
- a. 4
 - b. 7
 - c. 2
 - d. 0
- 69) Each of these are characteristics of capitalism except:
- a. each receives according to their needs
 - b. production is based on competition
 - c. individuals own the means of production
 - d. the aim of the enterprise is profit
- 70) According to lecture The Business Round Table is:
- a. a group of community leaders promoting business in their community
 - b. a Political Action Committee
 - c. an organization that includes the top 228 corporate leaders
 - d. part of the President's cabinet
- 71) Authority was defined in lecture as:
- a. the capacity to use force
 - b. legitimate power
 - c. power by coercion
 - d. threat force

72) One result of grade inflation in schools is:

- a. social promotion
- b. illiteracy
- c. high school graduates with poor reading and writing skills
- d. more students at Ivy league Schools

73) When a human feels afraid that others might judge them as lousy, stupid or weak, the sociological notion of _____ is in effect.

- a) Groupthink
- b) Passive-aggressive selfhood
- c) Looking-glass self
- d) mini-me gone awry

74) The practice of sitting still for hours, eyes fixed on the teacher, and doing as the teacher says, is a lesson that some sociologists say prepares workers for the "hive." This lesson is part of the:

- a) creative learning process in modern education
- b) hidden curriculum in modern education
- c) way humans must learn
- d) democratic education

75) In order to socially construct reality, humans need to:

- a) internalize the rules and the roles of the society.
- b) First ask sociologists how to do that.
- c) Remember what their teachers taught them about obedience
- d) Consciously assess the scene, develop appropriate scripts and rules and then perform the roles that shape the reality.

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TRUE/FALSE ROUND TWO: Mark "a" if the statement is true and 'b' if the statement is false.

77) Conflict theorists stress that the education system reproduces social class, but that it does not reproduce race or ethnic divisions in society.

78) Media ownership in the U.S. is widely dispersed.

79) The conservative wing of the "first wave" of feminism concentrated on winning the vote for women.

80) Sherif's research makes it clear that we can arrange the social environment to create or eliminate prejudice in the social environment.

81) Churches served as centers from which leaders and people were organized into the civil rights movement.

- 82) The Asch experiments revealed that humans, when presented with an option to honestly express their view of reality, will almost always do so.
- 83) Sociologist Walter Reckless developed a theory of deviance.
- 84) Based on evidence Dreiling presented, those with power and those with wealth in our society don't share any overlap and hence pose no threat to democracy.
- 85) Charles Darwin coined the phrase "survival of the fittest."
- 86) Access to health care in the U.S., while unequal leaves no one without care if they really need it.
- 87) Sociological theory aims to tell us how the world **should** be.
- 88) Human language is based on a direct correspondence between observed meanings in the natural world and the formulation of specific words.
- 89) A total institution strips identity down in order to formulate a more flexible, autonomous and create sense of self.
- 90) Obedience to authority is unrelated to the experience of fear and discomfort.
- 91) White collar crime is less costly than street crime.
- 92) According to the text, feminism says that women who stay home and care for home and children are doing a bad thing.
- 93) Most people living below poverty in the US are Latino.
- 94) Based on the course readings, sexual objectification of women by men tends to be more harmful than the sexual objectification of men by women.
- 95) Approximately 1 in 9 americans now use anti-depressants or anti-psychotic drugs, a sign that human emotions and stress are increasingly managed with manufactured chemicals.
- 96) Approximately 1 million people lived on Earth at the time of the birth of Christ.
- 97) Sociologists have found that couples that cohabit before marriage are more likely to divorce than couples that do not first cohabit.
- 98) Schools are unequally funded in the US primarily because of gender inequality.
- 99) 53% of all U.S. 18- to 24-years-olds live with their parents.
- 100) Resources for creating a favorable self-image are distributed equally among society's members.