Chapter 1: Training Your Sociological Eye

Test Bank

# Multiple Choice

1. Which of the following studies best describes sociology?

a. the study of individual contributions to society

b. a scientific study that is interested in society, in particular social relationships

c. the study of change within past civilization

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

Ans: B

Learning Objective: 1.1: What is sociology?

Cognitive Domain: Knowledge

Answer Location: What Is Sociology?

Difficulty Level: Easy

2. \_\_\_\_\_\_ focuses on how society and individuals influence each other.

a. Psychology

b. Physiology

c. Sociology

d. Biology

Ans: C

Learning Objective: 1.1: What is sociology?

Cognitive Domain: Knowledge

Answer Location: What Is Sociology?

Difficulty Level: Easy

3. Which statement best explains the concept of duality?

a. Society impacts individuals and individuals impact society.

b. Society impacts individuals and individuals impact each other.

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

d. Individuals impact society and society creates individual thought.

Ans: A

Learning Objective: 1.1: What is sociology?

Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: What Is Sociology?

Difficulty Level: Medium

4. What is TRUE about individual interactions with sociology?

a. Individuals both shape and are shaped by society.

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

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

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

Ans: A

Learning Objective: 1.1: What is sociology?

Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: What is Sociology?

Difficulty Level: Medium

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

a. social forces

b. the duality of sociology

c. gender discrimination

d. the sociological imagination

Ans: B

Learning Objective: 1.1: What is sociology?

Cognitive Domain: Application

Answer Location: Shaping and Being Shaped by Society

Difficulty Level: Hard

6. The application of sociological research helps us to understand and address \_\_\_\_\_\_.

a. behavior and mental disorders

b. animal biology

c. economic inequality and racism

d. environmental ecology

Ans: C

Learning Objective: 1.1: What is sociology?

Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: The Origins and Current Uses of Sociology

Difficulty Level: Medium

7. Who is credited with naming the field of sociology?

a. C. Wright Mills

b. W. E. B Du Bois

c. August Comte

d. Albion Small

Ans: C

Learning Objective: 1.1: What is sociology?

Cognitive Domain: Knowledge

Answer Location: The Origins and Current Uses of Sociology

Difficulty Level: Easy

8. Sociology was developed in the 18th and 19th centuries to \_\_\_\_\_\_.

a. better understand societal change

b. explain mental processes in humans

c. record historical events

d. encourage gender equality

Ans: A

Learning Objective: 1.1: What is sociology?

Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: The Origins and Current Uses of Sociology

Difficulty Level: Medium

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

a. People wanted to know more about different societies.

b. Philosophers wanted to discover why societies existed.

c. People wanted to determine how societies interacted with each other.

d. It changed where people lived and how they worked.

Ans: D

Learning Objective: 1.1: What is sociology?

Cognitive Domain: Analysis

Answer Location: The Origins and Current Uses of Sociology

Difficulty Level: Medium

10. What is a valuable workplace skill often acquired by studying sociology?

a. the development of philosophical thought

b. the ability to interpret social change

c. the increased use of critical thinking

d. the regulation of research to meet a desired outcome

Ans: C

Learning Objective: 1.1: What is sociology?

Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: The Origins and Current Uses of Sociology

Difficulty Level: Medium

11. \_\_\_\_\_\_ enables you to discern social patterns that others may not notice.

a. Sociological duality

b. A sociological imagination

c. Sociological generalization

d. A sociological eye

Ans: D

Learning Objective: 1.2: What do the sociological eye and the sociological imagination allow you to do?

Cognitive Domain: Knowledge

Answer Location: The Sociological Eye

Difficulty Level: Easy

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

a. sociological eye

b. sociological imagination

c. social embeddedness

d. social theory

Ans: A

Learning Objective: 1.2: What do the sociological eye and the sociological imagination allow you to do?

Cognitive Domain: Application

Answer Location: The Sociological Eye

Difficulty Level: Medium

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

a. by concluding that racial minorities are more likely to commit violent crimes

b. by assuming this decision was not motivated by any other factors

c. by postulating that more readers will be interested in the published story

d. by examining other patterns associated with this type of decision making

Ans: D

Learning Objective: 1.2: What do the sociological eye and the sociological imagination allow you to do?

Cognitive Domain: Application

Answer Location: The Sociological Eye

Difficulty Level: Hard

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

a. How will newly uninsured individuals be able to afford private health care?

b. Was the decision to terminate this program motivated by other factors?

c. When will the public health care program officially end?

d. What individuals or agency made the ultimate decision to terminate this program?

Ans: B

Learning Objective: 1.2: What do the sociological eye and the sociological imagination allow you to do?

Cognitive Domain: Application

Answer Location: The Sociological Imagination

Difficulty Level: Hard

15. Who developed the concept of the sociological imagination?

a. Sigmund Freud

b. August Comte

c. Max Weber

d. C. Wright Mills

Ans: D

Learning Objective: 1.2: What do the sociological eye and the sociological imagination allow you to do?

Cognitive Domain: Knowledge

Answer Location: The Sociological Imagination

Difficulty Level: Easy

16. \_\_\_\_\_\_ is used to make connections between individual and societal viewpoints.

a. A sociological imagination

b. Sociological duality

c. A sociological eye

d. Sociological generalization

Ans: A

Learning Objective: 1.2: What do the sociological eye and the sociological imagination allow you to do?

Cognitive Domain: Knowledge

Answer Location: The Sociological Imagination

Difficulty Level: Easy

17. The sociological imagination is best described as \_\_\_\_\_\_.

a. an awareness of the relationship between one’s own experiences and society

b. looking at a situation and noticing something others may not

c. making connections between social behavior and society

d. the idea that people shape society and society shapes people

Ans: A

Learning Objective: 1.2: What do the sociological eye and the sociological imagination allow you to do?

Cognitive Domain: Knowledge

Answer Location: The Sociological Imagination

Difficulty Level: Easy

18. The individualistic perspective is problematic because it \_\_\_\_\_\_.

a. fosters the impression that individuals are not influenced by their environments

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

c. emphasizes the demographic differences between individuals

d. ignores the influences of motivation and determination

Ans: A

Learning Objective: 1.2: What do the sociological eye and the sociological imagination allow you to do?

Cognitive Domain: Analysis

Answer Location: The Fallacy of the Individualistic Perspective

Difficulty Level: Medium

19. Kendra has been economically privileged since youth and now has a high-paying job. She often criticizes welfare recipients for “being lazy.” This is an example of \_\_\_\_\_\_.

a. critical observation

b. spatial justice

c. the sociological imagination

d. the individualistic perspective

Ans: D

Learning Objective: 1.2: What do the sociological eye and the sociological imagination allow you to do?

Cognitive Domain: Application

Answer Location: The Fallacy of the Individualistic Perspective

Difficulty Level: Hard

20. Why is possessing a sociological eye beneficial?

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

b. You are able to recognize how society impacts you.

c. You have more knowledge of societal changes.

d. You are able to make more money.

Ans: B

Learning Objective: 1.2: What do the sociological eye and the sociological imagination allow you to do?

Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: The Fallacy of the Individualistic Perspective

Difficulty Level: Medium

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

a. The student will not be able to afford to attend the university.

b. The student will not be able to attend the university without obtaining a grant or a loan.

c. The student will be able to attend the university if he or she works hard enough.

d. The student will be able to attend the university if teachers recommend him or her.

Ans: C

Learning Objective: 1.2: What do the sociological eye and the sociological imagination allow you to do?

Cognitive Domain: Application

Answer Location: The Fallacy of the Individualistic Perspective

Difficulty Level: Medium

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

a. natural

b. applied

c. social

d. physical

Ans: C

Learning Objective: 1.3: What key aspects of sociology make it a social *science*?

Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: Sociology as a Social Science

Difficulty Level: Medium

23. Sociologists follow guidelines to ensure that their research is \_\_\_\_\_\_.

a. useful and protected

b. irrefutable and well-founded

c. practical and beneficial

d. transparent and replicable

Ans: D

Learning Objective: 1.3: What key aspects of sociology make it a social *science*?

Cognitive Domain: Knowledge

Answer Location: Sociology as a Social Science

Difficulty Level: Easy

24. Theoretical perspectives impact sociology by \_\_\_\_\_\_.

a. influencing individuals’ beliefs

b. helping explain the social world

c. developing solutions to society’s problems

d. proving hypotheses about society

Ans: B

Learning Objective: 1.3: What key aspects of sociology make it a social *science*?

Cognitive Domain: Analysis

Answer Location: Theoretical Perspectives

Difficulty Level: Medium

25. Which statement best describes theoretical perspectives?

a. They are paradigms for viewing the world.

b. They are only used by sociological researchers.

c. They are not helpful for research.

d. They cannot help us understand social change.

Ans: A

Learning Objective: 1.3: What key aspects of sociology make it a social *science*?

Cognitive Domain: Knowledge

Answer Location: Theoretical Perspectives

Difficulty Level: Easy

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

a. others could replicate her process

b. she achieved the results she expected

c. she proved her theory

d. she focused on the findings rather than the method

Ans: A

Learning Objective: 1.3: What key aspects of sociology make it a social *science*?

Cognitive Domain: Application

Answer Location: The Scientific Research Process

Difficulty Level: Medium

27. Sociologists use scientific research to \_\_\_\_\_\_.

a. understand how society operates

b. appreciate past societies

c. create social relationships

d. generalize other cultures

Ans: A

Learning Objective: 1.3: What key aspects of sociology make it a social *science*?

Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: The Scientific Research Process

Difficulty Level: Medium

28. When sociological findings diverge from the dominant theoretical explanation, then the \_\_\_\_\_\_.

a. findings need to be duplicated

b. theory needs to be adjusted

c. findings need to be discarded

d. theory needs to be ignored

Ans: B

Learning Objective: 1.3: What key aspects of sociology make it a social *science*?

Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: The Scientific Research Process

Difficulty Level: Medium

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

a. his findings need to be manipulated

b. his theory needs to be adjusted

c. his findings need to be discarded

d. his theory needs to be ignored

Ans: B

Learning Objective: 1.3: What key aspects of sociology make it a social *science*?

Cognitive Domain: Application

Answer Location: The Scientific Research Process

Difficulty Level: Medium

30. The role of scientific research in the field of sociology is to \_\_\_\_\_\_.

a. rely on stereotypes

b. limit sociological imagination

c. explain the mechanisms of society

d. invalidate the underlying problems of society

Ans: C

Learning Objective: 1.3: What key aspects of sociology make it a social *science*?

Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: The Scientific Research Process

Difficulty Level: Medium

31. A sociologist would learn more about how a given society functions by \_\_\_\_\_\_.

a. replicating a theoretical perspective

b. relying on individual opinions

c. conducting scientific research

d. drawing conclusions from common knowledge

Ans: C

Learning Objective: 1.3: What key aspects of sociology make it a social *science*?

Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: The Scientific Research Process

Difficulty Level: Medium

32. What is a sociologist doing when she makes a good generalization?

a. stereotyping

b. giving an opinion

c. pointing out social patterns

d. changing society's influence

Ans: C

Learning Objective: 1.4: How can you tell the difference between a good generalization and a stereotype?

Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: Differentiating between Good Generalizations and Stereotypes

Difficulty Level: Medium

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

a. Older adults should not live alone.

b. Older adults suffer from many diseases as they age.

c. Older adults have similar developmental experiences as younger adults.

d. Older adults tend to regress physically as they age.

Ans: D

Learning Objective: 1.4: How can you tell the difference between a good generalization and a stereotype?

Cognitive Domain: Application

Answer Location: Differentiating Between Good Generalizations and Stereotypes

Difficulty Level: Hard

34. Which statement is an example of a good generalization?

a. Men are better drivers than women.

b. Women are more likely to experience sexism.

c. Men are invulnerable to sexual assault.

d. Women are more emotional than men.

Ans: B

Learning Objective: 1.4: How can you tell the difference between a good generalization and a stereotype?

Cognitive Domain: Application

Answer Location: Differentiating Between Good Generalizations and Stereotypes

Difficulty Level: Hard

35. \_\_\_\_\_\_ occurs when groups of people are described in over-all terms.

a. Stereotyping

b. Duality

c. Generalization

d. Commitment

Ans: C

Learning Objective: 1.4: How can you tell the difference between a good generalization and a stereotype?

Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: Differentiating between Good Generalizations and Stereotypes

Difficulty Level: Medium

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

a. used generalizations to draw conclusions

b. relied on cohesion to prove a social pattern

c. used stereotypes to draw conclusions

d. relied on stereotypes to prove the hypothesis

Ans: A

Learning Objective: 1.4: How can you tell the difference between a good generalization and a stereotype?

Cognitive Domain: Application

Answer Location: Differentiating Between Good Generalizations and Stereotypes

Difficulty Level: Hard

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

a. stereotyping

b. generalizing

c. theorizing

d. hypothesizing

Ans: A

Learning Objective: 1.4: How can you tell the difference between a good generalization and a stereotype?

Cognitive Domain: Application

Answer Location: Stereotypes

Difficulty Level: Hard

38. Which of the following is an example of a stereotype?

a. expecting men to do all work that requires math skills

b. expecting pregnant women to take maternity leave

c. expecting disabled employees need assistive devices

d. expecting hiring practices to be based on merit

Ans: A

Learning Objective: 1.4: How can you tell the difference between a good generalization and a stereotype?

Cognitive Domain: Application

Answer Location: Stereotypes

Difficulty Level: Hard

39. An oversimplified and predetermined belief about a person or group of people refers to a \_\_\_\_\_\_.

a. generalization

b. stereotype

c. theoretical perspective

d. social force

Ans: B

Learning Objective: 1.4: How can you tell the difference between a good generalization and a stereotype?

Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: Stereotypes

Difficulty Level: Medium

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

a. a market imperative

b. an economic theory

c. a stereotype

d. research

Ans: C

Learning Objective: 1.4: How can you tell the difference between a good generalization and a stereotype?

Cognitive Domain: Application

Answer Location: Stereotypes

Difficulty Level: Hard

41. Which statement is TRUE of good generalizations?

a. They are similar to stereotypes.

b. They are constructed from traditional authority.

c. They are grounded in one’s childhood experiences.

d. They are based on social scientific research.

Ans: D

Learning Objective: 1.4: How can you tell the difference between a good generalization and a stereotype?

Cognitive Domain: Analysis

Answer Location: Good Generalizations

Difficulty Level: Medium

42. Who was a key founder of the field of sociology?

a. Sigmund Freud

b. W. E. B Du Bois

c. Erving Dorfmann

d. Daniel Bell

Ans: B

Learning Objective: 1.5: What are the core commitments of sociology?

Cognitive Domain: Knowledge

Answer Location: The Obligations of Sociology

Difficulty Level: Easy

43. W. E. B Du Bois conducted the first large-scale empirical sociological research in order to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

a. refute racial stereotypes

b. promote racial stereotypes

c. refute gender stereotypes

d. promote gender stereotypes

Ans: A

Learning Objective: 1.5: What are the core commitments of sociology?

Cognitive Domain: Knowledge

Answer Location: The Obligations of Sociology

Difficulty Level: Easy

44. Jane Addams is remembered for \_\_\_\_\_\_.

a. her civil rights efforts

b. founding the settlement house movement

c. describing the two core commitments of sociology

d. starting the sociology department at the University of Chicago

Ans: B

Learning Objective: 1.5: What are the core commitments of sociology?

Cognitive Domain: Knowledge

Answer Location: The Obligations of Sociology

Difficulty Level: Easy

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

a. The couple should give money to the man.

b. The couple should ignore the man so as to not encourage his begging.

c. The couple should report the man to the police.

d. The couple should try to reduce homelessness by addressing the larger trends that cause it.

Ans: D

Learning Objective: 1.5: What are the core commitments of sociology?

Cognitive Domain: Application

Answer Location: The Two Core Commitments

Difficulty Level: Hard

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

a. The woman should reach out to the affected individual(s).

b. The woman should report the incidences and actively discourage discrimination.

c. The woman should research information about the typical victims of ageism.

d. The woman should quit and began searching for a job at a more inclusive company.

Ans: B

Learning Objective: 1.5: What are the core commitments of sociology?

Cognitive Domain: Application

Answer Location: The Two Core Commitments

Difficulty Level: Hard

47. What are two core commitments of sociology?

a. studying social patterns and predicting their paths

b. categorizing people based on race and using these categories to generalize behaviors

c. describing behavior in gendered terms and assuming privilege based on class

d. observing social patterns and taking action against social injustice

Ans: D

Learning Objective: 1.5: What are the core commitments of sociology?

Cognitive Domain: Knowledge

Answer Location: The Two Core Commitments

Difficulty Level: Easy

48. Randall Collins believed that if you have a sociological eye, you should \_\_\_\_\_\_.

a. conduct research at every opportunity

b. make an effort to teach it to others

c. improve your own life first before taking on the bigger picture

d. use it to make a positive impact on society

Ans: D

Learning Objective: 1.5: What are the core commitments of sociology?

Cognitive Domain: Knowledge

Answer Location: The Two Core Commitments

Difficulty Level: Easy

49. What is one benefit of studying sociology?

a. to make a lot of money

b. to benefit your family and community

c. to disprove theories of socialism

d. to regulate human behavior through law

Ans: B

Learning Objective: 1.6: How can sociology benefit both individuals and society?

Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: The Benefits of Sociology

Difficulty Level: Medium

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

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

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

c. Noticing social patterns will help you deal with them.

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

Ans: C

Learning Objective: 1.6: How can sociology benefit both individuals and society?

Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: The Benefits of Sociology

Difficulty Level: Medium

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

a. provides scientific research about sexual misconduct

b. informs the film industry how to solve the issue

c. explains why people become sexual predators

d. reveals larger trends within the movie industry

Ans: D

Learning Objective: 1.6: How can sociology benefit both individuals and society?

Cognitive Domain: Application

Answer Location: The Benefits of Sociology

Difficulty Level: Hard

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

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

b. Sociology helps individuals distinguish between good generalizations and stereotypes.

c. Sociology constructs the core beliefs of a society.

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

Ans: B

Learning Objective: 1.6: How can sociology benefit both individuals and society?

Cognitive Domain: Analysis

Answer Location: Sociology and Democracy

Difficulty Level: Medium

53. How can the study of sociology benefit individuals and society?

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

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

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

d. Sociology establishes the core principles of democratic societies.

Ans: C

Learning Objective: 1.6: How can sociology benefit both individuals and society?

Cognitive Domain: Analysis

Answer Location: Sociology and Democracy

Difficulty Level: Medium

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

a. by providing information about the history of each society

b. by informing each society about the new product

c. by helping him/her in deciding how much money to charge for the new product

d. by helping him/her determine how to appeal to each society

Ans: D

Learning Objective: 1.6: How can sociology benefit both individuals and society?

Cognitive Domain: Analysis

Answer Location: Sociology and Careers

Difficulty Level: Medium

55. An understanding of sociology benefits a social worker by \_\_\_\_\_\_.

a. helping the social worker conduct scientific research more effectively

b. providing more information about the populations the social worker serves

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

d. adopting better communication skills to help motivate people

Ans: B

Learning Objective: 1.6: How can sociology benefit both individuals and society?

Cognitive Domain: Analysis

Answer Location: Sociology and Careers

Difficulty Level: Medium

# True/False

1. Sociologists can help us understand how global warming impacts society.

Ans: T

Learning Objective: 1.1: What is sociology?

Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: What is Sociology?

Difficulty Level: Medium

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

Ans: T

Learning Objective: 1.1: What is sociology?

Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: Shaping and Being Shaped by Society

Difficulty Level: Medium

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

Ans: F

Learning Objective: 1.1: What is sociology?

Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: The Origins and Current Uses of Sociology

Difficulty Level: Medium

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

Ans: T

Learning Objective: 1.2: What do the sociological eye and the sociological imagination allow you to do?

Cognitive Domain: Application

Answer Location: The Sociological Eye

Difficulty Level: Hard

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

Ans: F

Learning Objective: 1.2: What do the sociological eye and the sociological imagination allow you to do?

Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: The Sociological Eye

Difficulty Level: Medium

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

Ans: T

Learning Objective: 1.2: What do the sociological eye and the sociological imagination allow you to do?

Cognitive Domain: Application

Answer Location: The Sociological Imagination

Difficulty Level: Hard

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

Ans: T

Learning Objective: 1.2: What do the sociological eye and the sociological imagination allow you to do?

Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: The Sociological Imagination

Difficulty Level: Medium

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

Ans: F

Learning Objective: 1.2: What do the sociological eye and the sociological imagination allow you to do?

Cognitive Domain: Application

Answer Location: The Fallacy of the Individualistic Perspective

Difficulty Level: Medium

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

Ans: T

Learning Objective: 1.2: What do the sociological eye and the sociological imagination allow you to do?

Cognitive Domain: Application

Answer Location: The Fallacy of the Individualistic Perspective

Difficulty Level: Medium

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

Ans: F

Learning Objective: 1.3: What key aspects of sociology make it a social *science*?

Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: Sociology as a Social Science

Difficulty Level: Medium

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

Ans: F

Learning Objective: 1.4: How can you tell the difference between a good generalization and a stereotype?

Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: Differentiating between Good Generalizations and Stereotypes

Difficulty Level: Medium

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

Ans: T

Learning Objective: 1.5: What are the core commitments of sociology?

Cognitive Domain: Knowledge

Answer Location: The Obligations of Sociology

Difficulty Level: Easy

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

Ans: T

Learning Objective: 1.5: What are the core commitments of sociology?

Cognitive Domain: Knowledge

Answer Location: The Two Core Commitments

Difficulty Level: Easy

14. Citizens in democratic societies do NOT need to understand how society works in order to vote in elections, but it helps.

Ans: T

Learning Objective: 1.6: How can sociology benefit both individuals and society?

Cognitive Domain: Knowledge

Answer Location: Sociology and Democracy

Difficulty Level: Easy

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

Ans: F

Learning Objective: 1.6: How can sociology benefit both individuals and society?

Cognitive Domain: Knowledge

Answer Location: Sociology and Democracy

Difficulty Level: Easy

# Short Answer

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

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

Learning Objective: 1.2: What do the sociological eye and the sociological imagination allow you to do?

Cognitive Domain: Application

Answer Location: The Sociological Eye

Difficulty Level: Hard

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

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

Learning Objective: 1.2: What do the sociological eye and the sociological imagination allow you to do?

Cognitive Domain: Application

Answer Location: The Sociological Imagination

Difficulty Level: Hard

3. Compare and contrast stereotypes and generalizations.

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

Learning Objective: 1.4: How can you tell the difference between a good generalization and a stereotype?

Cognitive Domain: Analysis

Answer Location: Differentiating Between Good Generalizations and Stereotypes

Difficulty Level: Medium

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

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

Learning Objective: 1.5: What are the core commitments of sociology?

Cognitive Domain: Application

Answer Location: The Obligations of Sociology

Difficulty Level: Hard

5. Explain how gaining a sociological perspective can help you when experiencing an instance of prejudice. Be specific in your response.

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

Learning Objective: 1.6: How can sociology benefit both individuals and society?

Cognitive Domain: Application

Answer Location: The Benefits of Sociology

Difficulty Level: Hard

# Essay

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

Ans: Varies, but should demonstrate an understanding of the individualistic perspective.

Learning Objective: 1.2: What do the sociological eye and the sociological imagination allow you to do?

Cognitive Domain: Analysis

Answer Location: The Fallacy of the Individualistic Perspective

Difficulty Level: Hard

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

Ans: Varies, but should demonstrate an understanding of the concepts.

Learning Objective: 1.2: What do the sociological eye and the sociological imagination allow you to do?

Cognitive Domain: Application

Answer Location: Changing How You View the World

Difficulty Level: Hard

3. How can scientific research aid in explaining how society functions?

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

Learning Objective: 1.3: What key aspects of sociology make it a social *science*?

Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: The Scientific Research Process

Difficulty Level: Hard

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

Ans: Answer should discuss race discrimination and how it motivated him to do research in the area of civil rights.

Learning Objective: 1.5: What are the core commitments of sociology?

Cognitive Domain: Analysis

Answer Location: The Obligations of Sociology

Difficulty Level: Medium

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

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

Learning Objective: 1.6: How can sociology benefit both individuals and society?

Cognitive Domain: Application

Answer Location: Sociology and Democracy

Difficulty Level: Hard