



Chapter 11 Exercises

Multiple Choice

1. In the United States, which race would be considered the dominant group?
 - a. Hispanic
 - b. White
 - c. Black
 - d. Asian
2. Which of the following is an example of racial steering?
 - a. Real estate agents directing white clients to look for housing in certain neighborhoods, and non-white clients to others.
 - b. The Trail of Tears, when the United States government forced Native Americans to permanently leave their homes and territory.
 - c. Kiki being told she'll be bad at math because she is a girl.
 - d. Jose's parents not allowing him to date Martha because she is of a different race.
3. According to the social construction of race school of thought, race is:
 - a. Based only on geographic regions
 - b. No longer in existence
 - c. A product of the media
 - d. Not biologically identifiable
4. Adolf Hitler blaming Germany's pre-war problems on the Jewish population is an example of:
 - a. The scapegoat theory
 - b. The social construction of race
 - c. White privilege
 - d. Pluralism
5. Max believes that most people's racial beliefs are based on images conveyed in popular media since many people never meet members of certain races for themselves. Max's perspective is:
 - a. Functionalist
 - b. Conflict theorist
 - c. Feminist
 - d. Symbolic interactionist
6. The term discrimination is defined in the text as:
 - a. The theory that prejudice is embedded in our culture.
 - b. Biased thought based on flawed assumptions about a group of people.
 - c. An expression of dissatisfaction with the justice system.
 - d. Prejudiced action against a group of people.
7. Speedy Gonzalez is a popular cartoon character, but is widely considered an inappropriate stereotype. Many children are raised watching Speedy Gonzalez cartoons, unaware that such stereotypes are negative. This is a product of:
 - a. Genocide
 - b. Intersection theory
 - c. The culture of prejudice
 - d. The scapegoat theory
8. When Alexander, who is white, drives his car over the speed limit, a police officer lets him off with a warning. When Christopher, who is Hispanic, drives his car at the same speed as Alexander on the same road, the officer gives him a ticket, even though his record is clean. This is an example of:
 - a. Affirmative action
 - b. White privilege
 - c. Intersection theory
 - d. The social construction of race

9. President Franklin D. Roosevelt's executive order 9066, which authorized the establishment of internment camps for anyone with as little as one-eighth Japanese ancestry following Pearl Harbor, is an example of:
- Racial steering
 - Communism
 - Expulsion
 - Genocide
10. The term segregation is defined in the text as:
- The process by which a minority individual or group takes on the characteristics of the dominant culture.
 - The deliberate annihilation of a targeted, usually subordinate, group.
 - The integration of diverse cultural concepts into a public-school curriculum.
 - The physical separation of two groups, particularly in residence, but also in workplace and social functions.
11. In 2010, what did controversial Senate Bill 1070 propose, causing a series of protests and legal battles?
- After being charged with a crime, Wisconsin courts can order legal immigrants back to their countries of origin.
 - During a lawful stop, detention, or arrest, Arizona police officers may establish the immigration status of anyone they suspect may be here illegally.
 - If suspected of illegal activity, Nevada police may search the home of any immigrant, or child of an immigrant, without a warrant.
 - After being detained by New Mexico police, immigrants are given no rights by the authorities and may be held for weeks without being officially charged.
12. Arizona Senate Bill 1070, often referred to colloquially as the "papers, please" law, was aimed widely at those of:
- Irish descent
 - Middle Eastern descent
 - Chinese descent
 - Mexican descent
13. Angela believes that race relations in America are poor because the white ruling class has enacted various laws and regulations to keep other racial groups from achieving equality. With which sociological perspective does Angela's view best align?
- Functionalism
 - Conflict theory
 - Feminism
 - Symbolic interactionism
14. Which group within the United States has been stereotyped as the model minority?
- The Asian American community
 - The African American community
 - The Arab American community
 - The Hispanic American community
15. 1967's Supreme Court case *Loving v. Virginia*, a case which legally allowed interracial marriage, is an example of
- Racism
 - Stereotyping
 - Amalgamation
 - Assimilation
16. Asad's first grade class is diverse: there are two students from Korea, five students from South America, two students from the United States, three students from Kuwait, a student from Mexico, two students from England, and five students from western Europe. Asad's class is:
- Segregated
 - Pluralistic
 - Assimilated
 - Profiled

17. The term assimilation is defined by the text as:
- When a dominant group forces a subordinate group to leave a certain area or even the country.
 - The theory that prejudice is embedded in our culture.
 - The process by which a minority individual or group takes on the characteristics of the dominant culture.
 - The act of singling out an individual because of his or her race.
18. Cedric's uncle believes that racism and discrimination have made a positive impact on society – but only in the lives of those who are members of the dominant group. Which sociological perspective is Cedric's uncle coming from?
- Functionalism
 - Conflict theory
 - Feminism
 - Symbolic interactionism
19. Which of the following is NOT an example of a stereotype?
- Cynthia believing her best friend to be good at math because she is Asian.
 - Maria assuming her son-in-law is a heavy drinker because he is Irish.
 - Isaiah cooking his girlfriend a meat-free dinner because she is a vegetarian.
 - Pedro assuming his neighbor likes rap music because he is African American.
20. The majority of American citizens are descendants of immigrants.
- True
 - False

Free Response

- Why do you think the term “minority” has persisted when the word “subordinate” is more descriptive?
- How do you describe your ethnicity? Do you include your family's country of origin? Do you consider yourself multiethnic? How does your ethnicity compare to that of the people you spend most of your time with?
- How do redlining and racial steering contribute to institutionalized racism?
- Give an example of stereotyping that you see in everyday life. Explain what would need to happen for this to be eliminated.
- Give three examples of white privilege. Do you know people who have experienced this? From what perspective?
- What is the worst example of culture of prejudice you can think of? What are your reasons for thinking it is the worst?
- Do you believe immigration laws should foster an approach of pluralism, assimilation, or amalgamation? Which perspective do you think is most supported by current U.S. immigration policies?
- Which intergroup relation do you think is the most beneficial to the subordinate group? To society as a whole? Why?
- In your opinion, which group had the easiest time coming to this country? Which group had the hardest time? Why?
- Which group has made the most socioeconomic gains? Why do you think that group has had more success than others?