



Chapter 5 Exercises

Multiple Choice

1. During her first day of kindergarten, Marie does not understand how the lunch line in the cafeteria works. She hesitates and watches as the older kids pick up their trays and silverware and then get in line. She follows their lead and successfully buys herself lunch. Marie's experience in the lunchroom is an example of _____.
 - a. socialization
 - b. the looking-glass self
 - c. resocialization
 - d. anticipatory socialization
2. Erik Erikson's theory explains:
 - a. Why Rhesus monkeys preferred terry cloth maternal stand-ins versus the maternal stand-ins that provided food
 - b. How human sexual desire is linked to the development of a personality
 - c. When human moral development begins in an individual
 - d. How the actions of society help shape personalities throughout the eight basic stages of life
3. Some sociologists have pointed out that gender roles are often determined by how a society socializes children. Which of the following is an example of socializing a child into a gender role?
 - a. Taking a child to the aquarium
 - b. Buying a girl a toy kitchen to play with
 - c. Letting a child wear pants to school
 - d. Allowing a child to sleep with their "blanky"
4. According to Kohlberg's theory of moral development, when do humans begin to think about the feelings of other people and see the world through other people's eyes?
 - a. When they are born
 - b. When they first go to school
 - c. In their teenage years
 - d. After they graduate from college
5. George Herbert Mead's specific path of development for individuals is as follows:
 - a. Preparatory stage, play stage, game stage, generalized other stage
 - b. Game stage, play stage, generalized other stage, preparatory stage
 - c. Preparatory stage, game stage, play stage, generalized other stage
 - d. Generalized other stage, preparatory stage, play stage, game stage
6. Liam, age five, and Gemma, age four, love to play together. Liam has a toy iron and washing machine. He and Gemma spend hours "washing" and "ironing" their baby doll's clothes, just like they see their parents do. Which of George Herbert Mead's stages of development are Liam and Gemma exemplifying?
 - a. The preparatory stage
 - b. The play stage
 - c. The game stage
 - d. The generalized other stage
7. Émile Durkheim's study of suicide is important to the field of sociology in many ways. One of the most influential impacts was:
 - a. It defined the differences between sociology and psychology.
 - b. It allowed psychology and sociology to merge into one field.
 - c. It showed the psychological reasons for suicide to be false.
 - d. It earned Émile Durkheim the title "Father of Sociology" so that other sociologists would have a role model.

8. It is parent-teacher conference day at Littleton Elementary School. Jimmy's teacher is anxious to meet his parents and discuss his habit of disrupting the class. When the teacher expresses her concern that Jimmy is not being socialized properly, his dad insists that he was the same way at Jimmy's age and that disrupting the class is natural for the children in his family. Jimmy's teacher and father are arguing about which fundamental sociological theory?
- Kohlberg's theory of moral development
 - George Herbert Mead's theory of self-development
 - Nature vs. nurture
 - Freud's theory of self-development
9. Parents often socialize their children to:
- Understand and follow different norms from what they themselves follow
 - Understand and follow the same norms that they themselves follow
 - Ignore society, create their own norms, and follow them regardless of consequences
 - Ignore society and live alone without much interaction with other people
10. Education is important to society because:
- It teaches children facts about the world in which they live.
 - It teaches children how to interact with their peers and helps them to gain social skills.
 - It teaches children how to react to authority and how to behave in group and one-on-one situations.
 - All of the above
11. The transition from college life to work life can be quite difficult for many young adults in the United States. What is a possible cause for this struggle?
- The status quo has been maintained for a substantial period of time, and now the economy and government are undergoing significant changes.
 - Many young people are in the same situation for the first time, so drawing expertise or knowledge from their experiences from peers is difficult.
 - Finding a job, renting an apartment, and being independent are daunting tasks that seem insurmountable.
 - All of the above
12. Sherry is in her mid-eighties and has moved to a nursing home. She is used to getting up at 5 a.m. and making breakfast for herself. Her new roommate likes to sleep until 7 a.m., and breakfast is not served at the nursing home until 8 a.m. What is Sherry most likely to experience through this transition?
- A shift in her desire to enjoy life
 - A shift in her reading habits
 - Resocialization
 - A complete and permanent loss of herself
13. Peer groups are important to adolescents because:
- They help to develop a sense of identity separate from adolescents' parents.
 - They provide the second major socialization experience outside their families.
 - They rank higher in importance to adolescents' than parental influence.
 - They help adolescents exert dependence.

14. In an effort to control a total institution and to create a community of sameness, inmates are forced to strip down, be searched by police officers, and given identical uniforms before entering prison. This is an example of _____.
- an entry test that must be passed
 - a degradation ceremony
 - a graduation ceremony
 - an exit test that must be passed
15. Sumaira is scared that she will not find a job. She decides to be a business major and attend one of the top business schools in the country. Upon graduation, she is hired by a major investment banking firm in New York. Sumaira has completed:
- A degradation ceremony
 - Developing her sense of self
 - Anticipatory socialization
 - Developing her sense of morality
16. Mark, whose parents are wealthy, has been socialized to believe that he can be whoever he wants to be. His best friend Matt, whose parents are blue-collar workers, has been socialized to believe that hard work and following instructions are all he needs to support himself. Which sociological paradigm does this story fit?
- Structural functionalism
 - Conflict
 - Symbolic interactionism
 - Feminist theory
17. Joseph and Paulo are excited to welcome their child into the world. They cannot wait to pass on all their knowledge, insight, and rich culture. Just as their parents gave them guidance and showed them how to live, Joseph and Paulo will continue the cycle by handing down their societal values and thus, sustain the society they value. Which sociological paradigm does this story fit?
- Structural functionalism
 - Conflict
 - Symbolic interactionism
 - Feminist theory
18. Baby Marla always has ribbons, bows, and frills all over her dresses and even in her hair. Her mother, who is worried that people might mistake Marla for a little boy, is determined to communicate to the world that she has a baby girl. Which sociological paradigm does this story fit?
- Structural functionalism
 - Conflict
 - Symbolic interactionism
 - Exchange theory
19. Ahmed has been trying to change his schedule so that he can take one more AP class his senior year in high school. He keeps running between the guidance office and the administration office to sort out the problem. Ahmed's interaction with the school's bureaucracy is an example of:
- The influences of a total institution
 - The generalized other
 - The influences of one's peer groups
 - The hidden curriculum of schools
20. Whose study described the differences in the way that males and females view morality?
- Carol Gilligan
 - Erik Erikson
 - Sigmund Freud
 - Lawrence Kohlberg

Free Response

21. Think of a current issue or pattern that a sociologist might study. What types of questions would the sociologist ask, and what research methods might they use? Now consider the questions and methods a psychologist might use to study the same issue. Comment on their different approaches.
22. Explain why it's important to conduct research using participants of all genders. What sociological topics might show gender differences? Provide some examples to illustrate your ideas.
23. Why are twin studies an important way to learn about the relative effects of genetics and socialization on children? What questions about human development do you believe twin studies are best for answering? For what types of questions would twin studies not be as helpful?
24. Why do you think that people like Chris Langan continue to have difficulty even after they are helped through societal systems? What is it they've missed that prevents them from functioning more successfully in society?
25. Do you think it is important that parents discuss gender roles with their young children, or should it wait till they're older? How do parents consider gender norms when buying their children books, movies, and toys? How do you believe they should consider it?
26. Based on your observations, when are adolescents more likely to listen to their parents or to their peer groups when making decisions? What types of dilemmas lend themselves toward one social agent over another?
27. Consider a person who is joining a sorority or fraternity, attending college or boarding school, or even a child beginning kindergarten. How is the process the student goes through a form of socialization? What new cultural behaviors must the student adapt to?
28. Do you think resocialization requires a total institution? Why or why not?