

**Multiple Choice and True/False:** Worth 2 points each. Choose the answer that best fits.

1. According to Chambliss in “The Mundanity of Excellence,” excellence in athletics best reflects:
  - a. habits and values.
  - b. talent and natural ability.
  - c. self-confidence and personality.
  - d. increased training and motivation.
  
2. Durkheim would likely cite \_\_\_\_\_ as what’s contributing to higher rates of suicide in more sparsely populated states or among Protestants.
  - a. anomic suicide
  - b. egoistic suicide
  - c. altruistic suicide
  - d. fatalistic suicide
  
3. T F Objectivation is the stage in social construction in which we learn supposedly “objective” facts about the categories created in social construction. *For example, Heather wears skimpy clothes and lots of make-up because she’s a slut.*
  
4. T F Adler used ethnographic methods in “Researching Dealers and Smugglers.”
  
5. Adler’s sample in the same article would best be described as:
  - a. a random sample.
  - b. a representative sample.
  - c. a snowball sample.
  - d. a focus group.
  
6. Which of the following chapters in *Second Thoughts* highlights cultural inconsistency?
  - a. “Children Are Our Most Precious Commodity”
  - b. “Winning is Everything”
  - c. “Beauty is Only Skin Deep”
  - d. Only a. & c.
  - e. All of the above
  
7. T F This exam is harder than I thought it would be.
  
8. T F The higher one’s income, the less likely they are to smoke.
  
9. Which of the following represents a conflict theorist’s view on deviance?
  - a. Deviance serves a useful purpose by defining boundaries in society.
  - b. Deviance can lead to needed change.
  - c. The ability to define deviance is closely connected to the power structure.
  - d. Both b. & c.
  
10. On Sunday I went grocery shopping. It wasn’t until I was in the parking lot, loading the groceries in my car, that I realized I had never handed the cashier my case of Diet Coke

to scan so I had left without paying for it. My actions weren't deviant because they lacked the element of:

- a. expectation
  - b. violation
  - c. reaction
  - d. Actually, I had all three elements and was deviant.
11. T F Research shows a significant negative relationship between uncommon, peculiar, and unique names and academic performance, professional achievement and psychological adjustment.
12. When individuals come to label themselves according to what they're called, incorporating the impressions of others into his or her self-identity, is:
- a. Thomas's theorem.
  - b. labeling theory.
  - c. primary deviance.
  - d. secondary deviance.
13. Although it touches on all the following, the "Hamtaro" (Little Hamsters, Big Adventures) clip was used to illustrate:
- a. cultural values
  - b. socialization
  - c. cultural diffusion
  - d. media messages
14. Which of the following does not affect the way we choose to enact our role identities?
- a. conventional role expectations in society
  - b. personal characteristics and competencies
  - c. the audience
  - d. consistency
  - e. Actually, all of the above actually influence our identity enactment,
15. T F Despite their divergent value orientations, "street" and "decent" families often coexist in the same extended family.

**Short Answer.** Choose 6, worth 5 points each. If you answer more, we will count your best 6.

16. What is the difference between ascribed and achieved statuses? Give an example of each and explain how they might influence one's behavior.
17. Briefly describe the tenets of one of the three sociological paradigms. Give a specific example from the Jon Stewart/Mike Huckabee clip of the perspective in action.
18. Generate a hypothesis about the relationship between two variables. Which is the independent variable? Which is the dependent variable? Give an example of how you would measure each.
19. What is the difference between ethnocentrism and cultural relativism? Give an example of each from the documentary "Cannibal Tours."
20. "Translate" a passage from "Body Ritual of the Nacirema." Choose one of the aspects of culture that Miner focuses on and tell us what he's saying about Americans by documenting this behavior.

21. What is the sociology behind the United States being so firmly set on eliminating bilingual education (according to Portes in “English-Only Triumphs, But the Costs are High”)?
22. What is a self-fulfilling prophecy? Give a specific example of one from a course reading or the documentary we watched in class, “The New Asylums.”
23. Choose one sane behavior exhibited by the patients or pseudo-patients in Rosenhan’s study that was interpreted as insane and explain why it was Rosenhan would argue it was misconstrued as such.
24. What is the identity salience hierarchy? Use your most salient identity to illustrate the three things that determine whether a particular identity occupies a central or peripheral position in the salience hierarchy.
25. **Essay.** Choose 1, worth 30 points. You don’t have to answer the questions inside the question one by one, and, if you plan it well, in answering one, you may answer another. So, write an integrative essay to answer one of the following questions. There are no length requirements; however, be sure to completely answer the question and use specific examples!
  - a. Sociologists argue that who we are (what we do, think, believe, value, like, etc.) is largely influenced by our history, biography, and societal influences. Use at least two readings and class lecture to illustrate the influences of these three things on Billy Bob Thornton’s character “Hank” in *Monster’s Ball*.
    - \* While we talked about a number of societal influences in class, it would likely be best to be selective and choose the two or three that best integrate with history and biography and are illustrated in the clip.
  - b. According sociologists, how is it that we acquire a self? What is the role of others in this process? How does socialization fit in? What is the role of identity? What are some strategies that we use to maintain our own (and others’) conceptions of who we are. Use at least two readings and class lecture to answer these questions, drawing specific examples from class videos (e.g. socialization commercials, “A Girl Like Me,” *Sex in the City*).