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1. Of the following nations, _____ is the nation with the lowest life expectancy.

   _____ a. China

   _____ b. the United States

   _____ c. Sweden

   _____ d. Japan

2. The theorist who argued that society is made up of symbols that we use to understand the world is:

   _____ a. Emile Durkheim.

   _____ b. George Herbert Mead.

   _____ c. Erving Goffman.

   _____ d. Howard Becker.

3. The expected outcome of police force is to lower crime. As a result, a lower rate of crime is an example of a(n) _____ function.

_____ a. manifest

_____ b. mechanical

_____ c. latent

_____ d. organic

4. If a sociologist wants to study a topic using a theory which tends to focus on ecological principles and social thought, he/she would likely be using:

_____ a. feminist theory.

_____ b. functionalism.

_____ c. environmental theory.

_____ d. conflict theory.

5. Roger is a homosexual man. He is more likely to be at risk of _____ than his heterosexual friend, Stan.

_____ a. suicide

_____ b. schizophrenia

_____ c. motor vehicle accident

_____ d. bad grades

6. The hallucinogens have been known to cause:

_____ a. nerve damage.

_____ b. heart and lung disease.

_____ c. cancer.

_____ d. high blood pressure.

7. Cannabis is classified as a:

_____ a. depressant.

_____ b. hallucinogen.

_____ c. stimulant.

_____ d. steroid.

8. Which crime would be least likely to show up on Uniform Crime Reports data?

_____ a. A murder victim is found by the police on the side of the road

_____ b. A bank is robbed and the photo of the criminal is released to the media

_____ c. A person leaves their car unlocked and their iPod is stolen

_____ d. A car is stolen and wrecked in a police chase

9. The majority of crime behavior is perpetrated between the ages of:

_____ a. 15-25.

_____ b. 26-30.

_____ c. 31-36.

_____ d. 37-50.

10. The American Psychiatric Association claims that criminals are:

_____ a. low in self esteem.

_____ b. conformists.

_____ c. flooded with remorse.

_____ d. impulsive.

11. Which sociologist is noted for describing the plight of the urban underclass?

_____ a. G. William Domhoff

_____ b. William Julius Wilson

_____ c. Max Weber

_____ d. Warren Buffet

12. West and Zimmerman propose that:

_____ a. gender is an artificial construct.

_____ b. there are no differences between men and women.

_____ c. there is a difference between "doing gender" and "having gender."

_____ d. gender is not a learned concept.

13. Matriarchy is:

_____ a. equally common to patriarchy.

_____ b. totally absent in its pure form.

_____ c. becoming the norm.

_____ d. just as valid as patriarchy.

14. What is another term for authority that stems from the rules and standards of society?

_____ a. Rational-legal authority

_____ b. Traditional authority

_____ c. Charismatic authority

_____ d. Industrial authority

15. Which racial/ethnic group appears to be having the greatest impact on elections in the U.S.?

_____ a. African Americans

_____ b. Asian Americans

_____ c. Hispanic Americans

_____ d. Armenian Americans.

16. What were the three sources of authority identified by Max Weber?

_____ a. Religious, familial, educational

_____ b. Militaristic, political, economic

_____ c. Global, regional, national

_____ d. Traditional, rational-legal, charismatic

17. The No Child Left Behind law:

_____ a. said nothing about the learning of math.

_____ b. applied only to reading scores.

_____ c. mandated that teachers be highly qualified.

_____ d. applied only to students.

18. The link between technology and wealth:

_____ a. is confined to the United States.

_____ b. favors countries such as Japan over China.

_____ c. does not apply to India.

_____ d. does not apply to the European Union.

19. People are classified as unemployed only if they:

_____ a. do not have a job.

_____ b. are employed part-time.

_____ c. are students.

_____ d. do not have a job and are actively looking for a job.

20. According to Stephanie Coontz, the nuclear family arose:

_____ a. in ancient times.

_____ b. during the medieval period.

_____ c. with the development of the Industrial Revolution.

_____ d. in the early 20th century.

21. When compared to countries with integrated payment systems, the United States:

_____ a. spends more on insurance administrative costs.

_____ b. is more likely to use electronic records.

_____ c. uses fewer insurance forms per capita.

_____ d. sees no difference in the rate of access to care.

22. Oliver has difficulty paying attention in school. He has symptoms that include impulsiveness, hyperactivity, and inattention. Oliver's symptoms are consistent with:

_____ a. attention deficit hyperactivity disorder.

_____ b. eating disorder.

_____ c. panic anxiety disorder.

_____ d. manic depression.

23. What consensus have many social scientists come to regarding war?

_____ a. That it is getting better.

_____ b. That it has been integral in human evolution.

_____ c. That hunters and gatherers did not engage in warfare like we once thought.

_____ d. Intergroup violence was uncommon in ancient times.

24. Agricultural pollution includes:

_____ a. animal waste.

_____ b. paint chips from old barns.

_____ c. manufacturing runoff.

_____ d. carbon monoxide.

25. Which country spends the smallest share of its GDP on the military?

_____ a. Brazil

_____ b. Canada

_____ c. Italy

_____ d. Japan

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1. A social problem can be defined as:

   _____ a. an issue that negatively affects a person's state of being in society.

   _____ b. issues that politicians cite as harmful.

   _____ c. a problem that most people face.

   _____ d. a problem that is free of ideology.

2. The average retirement age in the United States is predicted to:

   _____ a. increase as baby boomers retire without sufficient savings.

   _____ b. decrease as baby boomers work less.

   _____ c. to stay about the same as previous generations.

   _____ d. remain at age 65 then decrease.

3. In which sociological perspective do theorists focus on how the meaning of old age shifts based on the changing conditions of society?

   _____ a. Functionalism

   _____ b. Conflict theory

   _____ c. Exchange theory

   _____ d. Symbolic interactionism

4. Drug abuse is defined as:

_____ a. the use of drugs everyday.

_____ b. the use of morphine or the equivalent.

_____ c. disregarding doctor's orders.

_____ d. the use of drugs despite adverse consequences.

5. Frank and his roommate are having an argument about the number of women who claim to be lesbians. Frank should know that _____ percent of American women claimed homosexual identity in the 1990 census.

_____ a. 1.4

_____ b. 2.5

_____ c. 4.3

_____ d. 9.1

6. Dutch legislators justified legalizing prostitution by saying that they intended to:

_____ a. make sex available to all.

_____ b. charge the consumers lower prices.

_____ c. protect the prostitutes.

_____ d. prepare the prostitutes for other employment.

7. Michel Foucault observed that:

_____ a. sexual identity is given form by the society in which it develops.

_____ b. sexual identity has always been an essential quality.

_____ c. homosexuality is a universal historical phenomenon.

_____ d. in the historical record, sodomy is notably absent.

8. What is most true about the demographics of criminal behavior?

_____ a. Race seems to have no influence on who is caught doing crime.

_____ b. Men clearly are more criminal than women.

_____ c. Crime rates peak after 30 years of age because of the high rate of repeat offenders.

_____ d. Women's criminality is increasing to the point that it is now almost equal to that of men.

9. Stanton Samenow says that criminals think differently than noncriminals. He says they are liable to:

_____ a. have a deflated self image.

_____ b. be chronic liars.

_____ c. think of all property as belonging to others.

_____ d. be notorious conformists.

10. The anomie theory of crime is associated with:

_____ a. Karl Marx.

_____ b. C. Wright Mills.

_____ c. Erving Goffman.

_____ d. Robert Merton.

11. Sarah, a medical doctor, moves from one large profitable practice to another similar practice in the same urban area. Sarah is experiencing _____ mobility.

_____ a. vertical

_____ b. urban

_____ c. upward

_____ d. horizontal

12. Meritocracy is in line with which paradigm of sociology?

_____ a. Conflict theory

_____ b. Exchange theory

_____ c. Functionalism

_____ d. Symbolic interactionism.

13. Alicia looks at the unemployment rate in her local town. She remarks to her friend, "Some people have to be at the bottom. It is necessary for society to run smoothly." Alicia's views reflect which sociological perspective?

_____ a. Functionalism

_____ b. Conflict theory

_____ c. Symbolic interactionism

_____ d. Feminist theory

14. Color-blind racism is associated with _____ theory.

_____ a. symbolic interactionism

_____ b. conflict

_____ c. functionalism

_____ d. feminist

15. The "Great Migration" refers to what event?

_____ a. The Scotch-Irish moving westward

_____ b. Blacks moving from south to north

_____ c. Europeans crossing the Atlantic to the United States

_____ d. Turks moving to Germany

16. Among the entrepreneurial immigrants have been:

_____ a. the Scotch Irish.

_____ b. blacks.

_____ c. New York City's Chinese.

_____ d. Native Hawaiians.

17. Which place typically believes most positively in a governmental redistribution of wealth?

_____ a. Eastern Europe

_____ b. Norway

_____ c. China

_____ d. United States

18. Monopolies are:

_____ a. games we play when it snows.

_____ b. companies that have limited market share.

_____ c. companies that have control of the production and trade of a product.

_____ d. a term that means the same as convergence.

19. The United States ranks _____ on the percentage of the Gross Domestic Product spent on education.

_____ a. 1st

_____ b. 20th

_____ c. 37th

_____ d. 57th

20. Javier has a mental disorder where he has dramatic shifts in mood and behavior. One day he might be overly high and energetic; the next he might feel depressed and hopeless. His symptoms are most likely to be consistent with _____ disorder.

_____ a. major depressive

_____ b. bipolar

_____ c. obsessive compulsive

_____ d. anxiety/panic

21. What percentage of American couples are same-sex?

_____ a. 1%

_____ b. 20%

_____ c. 10%

_____ d. 5%

22. In general, married people tend to _____ than single people.

_____ a. be happier

_____ b. have worse health

_____ c. have a lower standard of living

_____ d. have more conflict

23. The number of a given species that an area of land can support is known as:

_____ a. underpopulation.

_____ b. carrying capacity.

_____ c. human exemptionalism.

_____ d. overpopulation.

24. What percentage of Americans currently live in cities?

_____ a. 40%

_____ b. 60%

_____ c. 80%

_____ d. 90%

25. About what percent of the world's wealth is controlled by the U.S. and Europe?

_____ a. More than half

_____ b. About 20%

_____ c. About 26%

_____ d. 90%