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Which of these is NOT an example of target hardening ?

- A. anti-social behavior orders**
- B. Steering locks
- C. burglar alarms
- D. CCTV

Which approach framed their analysis of crime and deviance in terms of this preservation of power by the ruling class ?

- A. New Left Realism
- B. Right Realism
- C. new criminology**
- D. interactionism

Merton describes types of response to a situation where there are widely socially endorsed values but limited means of achieving them. Which of his types describes an acceptance of the values but willingness to use any means to achieve them?

- A. Conformists
- B. innovators**
- C. ritualists
- D. retreatists

What is defined as 'non-conformity to a given set of norms that are accepted by a significant number of people in a community or society ?

- A. criminality
- B. deviance**
- C. recidivism
- D. degeneracy

Which of the following is not a reason why corporate crime is more difficult to prosecute compared with individual crimes ?



- A. victims may not realise that a crime has been committed
- B. it is more difficult to apportion blame to corporate criminals
- C. legal systems are founded on individual not collective responsibility
- D. corporate offences cause less harm than crimes against an individual**

Which of these is not a concept associated with Left Realist explanations of criminal subcultures ?

- A. social exclusion
- B. individual pathology**
- C. political marginalization
- D. relative deprivation

Robert Merton's ideas on crime and deviance make use of the concept of anomie. What does anomie mean in Merton's work ?

- A. Normlessness
- B. meaninglessness
- C. social strain**
- D. social adaptation

The "natural law" approach is essentially concerned with_____?

- A. civil law or torts
- B. limiting the powers of wealthy businessmen
- C. family law
- D. limiting the powers of government
- E. the protection of universal human rights**

The key concept in labelling theory is that of_____?

- A. stigma**
- B. commitment
- C. aspiration
- D. motivation
- E. acceptance

Which of the following was not identified as one of the four major social bonds in Hirschi's Social Control theory ?

- A. religiosity**
- B. commitment
- C. involvement
- D. belief
- E. attachment



Sutherland's Differential Association theory emphasizes that crime and deviance are basically_____?

- A. due to poor parenting
- B. learned**
- C. psychotic
- D. biological
- E. the result of being labelled

According to Strain theory, retreatants are likely to engage in what type of deviant activity ?

- A. Sexual assault
- B. terrorism
- C. counterfeiting
- D. drug abuse**
- E. robbery

The sociologist responsible for the modern-day adaptation of strain theory is_____?

- A. Weber
- B. Cohen
- C. Marx
- D. Merton**
- E. Chambliss

Biological positivists have tended to focus on what type of crime ?

- A. Violent**
- B. juvenile
- C. drug-related
- D. white collar

The rise in patriotism following the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, is an example of what function of deviance ?

- A. Warning
- B. Solidarity**
- C. Unification
- D. Authoritarian
- E. Boundary setting

According to Quinine, crimes of "domination and repression" are committed by _____?

- A. People who aspire to the upper class
- B. The ruling elite**
- C. white collar businessmen
- D. gang members



E. the lower socio-economic strata

The classic sociological study of two juvenile groups called the “Saints” and the “Roughnecks” was conducted by _____?

A. Chambliss

B. Lynch

C. Merton

D. Bentham

E. Turk

Punishments, or negative sanctions, are especially important at the _____ level?

A. informal

B. societal

C. traditional

D. formal

E. adolescent

Sociological definitions of deviance consist of behaviors, beliefs, and _____?

A. attributes

B. realities

C. Choices

D. records

E. Conditions

Which of the following is NOT associated with functionalism?

A. Talcott Parsons

B. Ralf Dahrendorf

C. Emile Durkheim

D. Robert Merton

The feeling of aimlessness or despair often associated with unsettling conditions is _____?

A. alienation

B. amorality

C. anomie

D. ascription

Theoretical approaches can only be said to be valid if _____?

A. the theorist has researched the literature thoroughly

B. they have been tested out by means of factual research

C. they are written in such a way as to be impossible to disprove

D. they are shared by a large enough number of theorists



The theory of relative deprivation is an example of what _____?

- A. macro sociological theory
- B. feminist sociological theory
- C. micro sociological theory
- D. middle-range sociological theory**

What does the functionalist perspective see as crucial for the maintenance of social order ?

- A. strong class-based identities
- B. multiculturalism
- C. moral consensus**
- D. a strong state

Which of the following is not part of karl Marx,s theory of capitalism ?

- A. capitalist production exploits the working class
- B. class conflict is inevitable in capitalist societies
- C. industrial workers are the revolutionary class
- D. class struggle only occurs under capitalism**

According to Durkheim the division of labor in industrial societies brings about _____?

- A. organic solidarity
- B. a loss of social solidarity**
- C. mechanical solidarity
- D. communal solidarity

Which of these statements best represents C. Wright-Mills,s idea of the sociological imagination ?

- A. understanding the differences between the classical theorists
- B. bringing together private troubles and public issues**
- C. seeing the social world as one made up of Social facts
- D. avoiding explanations based on individual psychology

Whose theorizing according societal change comes closer to Iqbal,s verse. Tujh ko bataoon taqdeer-e-huma kia hai shamsheer o Sannan Awwal taus o rabab akhir ?

- A. Karl Max**
- B. Ibn-e-Khaldun
- C. George Hegel
- D. None of these

A close connection between religion and economic forces has been presented by _____?



- A. Max Weber
- B. Karl Max
- C. Emile Durkheim**
- D. C-Wright Mills

Secularization involves the two related ideas of _____?

- A. disappointment and disproportion
- B. disbelief and disintegration
- C. disengagement and disenchantment**
- D. distribution and distillation

In the division of Labor in Society Emile Durkheim presented the idea of _____?

- A. Mechanical and organic solidarity**
- B. Physical and social solidarity
- C. physiological and mechanical solidarity
- D. None of these

Society is a complex organization of parts that function to fulfil the requirements and promote the needs of the whole is a concept of _____?

- A. structural functionalism**
- B. interaction school of thought
- C. Phenom ology
- D. None of these

Which sociologist introduced the concept of culture lag ?

- A. William F. Ogburn**
- B. Talcott Parsons
- C. Auguste Comte
- D. Thorstein Veblen

The Communist Manifesto was written by _____?

- A. Karl Marx and Georg Hegel
- B. George Herbert Mead and Jane Addams
- C. Friedrich Engels and Karl Marx**
- D. Talcott Parsons and Robert Merton

Which of the following sociology never wrote a book and about whose thoughts most of our knowledge is presented in an edited volume of his lectures published by his students after his death ?

- A. George Herbert Mead**
- B. Karl Marx
- C. Emile Durkheim



D. Max Weber

Robert Merton,s contributions to sociology include_____?

- A. successfully combining theory and research
- B. an analysis of deviant behavior that focuses on societal goals and means
- C. an attempt to bring macro- and micro
- D. all of the above**

In his study of suicide Emile Durkheim was primarily concerned with_____?

- A. suicide rates and how they varied from country to country**
- B. personalities of individual suicide victims
- C. means people used to take their own lives
- D. effects of suicide on the families of victims

The survival of the fittest was the concept presented by_____?

- A. Marx
- B. Durkheim
- C. Herbert Spencer**
- D. None of these

The sociology was simply the Science of Social facts is the view of_____?

- A. Marx
- B. Weber
- C. Durkheim**
- D. All of above

According to Marx Capitalism replaced feudalism and itself will be displaced by_____?

- A. Feudalism
- B. communism**
- C. Economic equalitarianism
- D. None of these

Comte gave the law of_____?

- A. Four phases
- B. three phases**
- C. Two phases
- D. All of above

Ibne Khaldun in his theories is near to_____?

- A. Kurkheim
- B. Comte
- C. Marx**



D. All of above

The Muqaddimah is an early Muslim view of _____?

- A. society
- B. social Change
- C. universal History**
- D. all of above

Ibne Khaldun is best known for _____?

- A. Muamlla
- B. Muqaddimah**
- C. Muzakira
- D. None of these

The distribution of power in society is a concern for _____?

- A. microsociology
- B. interactionism
- C. macrosociology**
- D. ethnomethodology

Merton's term for the hidden or forgotten reason for a particular behavior was _____?

- A. middle-range function**
- B. consumption function
- C. latent function**
- D. structural function

It is useful to have a diversity of theories in sociology because _____?

- A. human behavior is so complicated that no single theory would be adequate**
- B. sociologists can choose the theory that best fits the data they have collected
- C. it removes the need to assess a theory according the empirical evidence
- D. innumerable theories have been developed in the many fields of sociology

Which one of the following is NOT associated with the materialist conception of history ?

- A. the mode of production
- B. the motor of history
- C. the history of class struggle
- D. the spirit of capitalism**

According to Durkheim social facts are _____?



A. ways of behaving that are external to individuals

- B. only things that have been shown to be true
- C. social insights into collective behavior
- D. information captured by official statistics

Sociology has been said to be the product of _____?

A. the French and Industrial Revolutions

- B. the Chinese and Agricultural Revolutions
- C. the Russian and Scientific Revolutions
- D. the American and Democratic Revolutions

Which of the following influenced the theoretical approach known as symbolic interactionism ?

- A. Georg Hegel
- B. George Herbert Mead**
- C. Talcott Parsons
- D. Ralf Dahrendorf

Max Weber,s work made use of ideal types What are they ?

- A. the most commonly found type of social organization
- B. conceptual or analytical models of social phenomena**
- C. philosophical models of an ideal human society
- D. models of society based on up to date statistical evidence

A rising suicide rate associated with normlessness and a lack of social regulation can be described as _____?

- A. egoistic suicide
- B. altruistic suicide
- C. fatalistic suicide
- D. anomic suicide**

What did Auguste Comte mean by positivism in sociology ?

- A. sociological research must contribute to a governments social policy
- B. sociology should be optimistic about human achievements
- C. sociology should make use of statistical evidence
- D. sociology should adopt the same methods as the natural sciences**

According to Emily Durkheim the mechanic solidarity is based on _____?

- A. Blood relation and neighborhood
- B. divine of labor and specialization**
- C. the contribution individuals make to each other
- D. None of these



Those who cannot compete have on right for higher learning and must be refused accordingly who believed in the above thesis ?

- A. Auguste Comte
- B. Spencer**
- C. Karl Max
- D. None of these

Which of these is most closely associated with Marx,s thinking ?

- A. integration
- B. conflict**
- C. social facts
- D. consensus

Karl Marx,s view of the struggle between social classes inspired the contemporary ?

- A. functionalist perspective
- B. conflict perspective**
- C. interactionist perspective
- D. dramaturgical approach

The concepts of protestant and Bourgeois were presented by_____?

- A. Talcat parson
- B. Karl Marx**
- C. Max Weber
- D. Emile Durkheim

Weber said that the spirit of capitalism could be traced back to_____?

- A. the movement towards religious pluralism
- B. inspirational Protestant groups who revived religious ideas
- C. new religious movements who rejected traditional forms of labor
- D. Calvinists who engaged in ascetic practices to gain signs of salvation**

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