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## Chapter 1-20 Answers are at the End of Each Chapter

### chapter 1

*Indicate whether the statement is true or false.*

1. According to symbolic interactionism, what we consider to be “reality” is always shared.
  - a. True
  - b. False
2. Dorothy Smith argues that sociological methods reflect male values.
  - a. True
  - b. False
3. The conflict perspectives primarily examine people’s day-to-day interactions and their behaviour in groups.
  - a. True
  - b. False
4. Sociologists attempt to discover individual differences in behaviour.
  - a. True
  - b. False
5. Sociology does not share any similarities with other social sciences such as anthropology, psychology, economics, and political science.
  - a. True
  - b. False
6. Georg Simmel’s ultimate concern was to protect the autonomy of the individual in society.
  - a. True
  - b. False
7. Most high-income countries offer a high standard of living and a lower death rate due to good nutrition and advances in medical technology.
  - a. True
  - b. False
8. Karl Marx focused on the exploitation and oppression of the proletariat by the bourgeoisie.
  - a. True
  - b. False
9. C. Wright Mills coined the phrase “sociological imagination” to describe sociological reasoning.
  - a. True
  - b. False

10. The feminist perspective is only concerned with macrolevel issues connected to patriarchy.
  - a. True
  - b. False
11. According to Marx, the proletariat includes those who own and control the means of production.
  - a. True
  - b. False
12. According to Émile Durkheim, conflict is necessary to produce social change and a better society.
  - a. True
  - b. False
13. According to Ralf Dahrendorf, power is the critical variable in explaining human behaviour.
  - a. True
  - b. False
14. Sociologists rely on both commonsense knowledge and scientific standards to study society and social interaction.
  - a. True
  - b. False
15. Feminist perspectives criticize sociology for not acknowledging the experiences of women.
  - a. True
  - b. False
16. Max Weber contended that values could not be separated from the research process.
  - a. True
  - b. False
17. Symbolic interactionists are most interested in objective reality when analyzing a situation.
  - a. True
  - b. False
18. Sociology promotes understanding and tolerance by enabling each of us to look beyond our personal experiences.
  - a. True
  - b. False
19. Karl Marx believed that the working class would eventually become aware of its exploitation, overthrow the capitalists, and establish a free and classless society.
  - a. True
  - b. False
20. Sociologists study human societies and their social interactions in order to develop theories of how human

behaviour is shaped by group life.

- a. True
- b. False

21. Those who live in postmodern societies typically pursue individual freedom and do not want the structural constraints that are imposed by social institutions.

- a. True
- b. False

22. Overspending is a public issue because people may accumulate credit cards and spend more than they can afford, thereby affecting all aspects of their lives.

- a. True
- b. False

23. Comte believed that the best way to understand society was through the use of religion.

- a. True
- b. False

24. One criticism of social Darwinism is that it served to justify class, racial–ethnic, and gender inequalities.

- a. True
- b. False

25. The sociological imagination refers to the ability to describe how sociologists investigate topics using scientific methods.

- a. True
- b. False

26. Public issues are matters beyond an individual's own control that are caused by problems at the societal level.

- a. True
- b. False

27. Talcott Parsons stressed that all societies must make provisions for meeting social needs in order to survive.

- a. True
- b. False

28. The interactionists perspective focuses on small groups rather than large-scale social structures.

- a. True
- b. False

29. Harriet Martineau received recognition for her sociological work in her lifetime.

- a. True
- b. False

30. During the Industrial Revolution, many people shifted from being producers to being consumers.

- a. True
- b. False

31. Early social thinkers described how society actually was rather than what society ought to be.

- a. True
- b. False

32. A myth is a popular but false notion that may be used to perpetuate certain beliefs.

- a. True
- b. False

33. The functionalist perspective is useful in analyzing consumerism because of the way in which it examines part-to-whole relationships.

- a. True
- b. False

*Indicate the answer choice that best completes the statement or answers the question.*

34. Which key thinker is associated with the feminist perspective?

- a. Meg Luxton
- b. Harriet Martineau
- c. Émile Durkheim
- d. Jean Baudrillard

35. Who are the bourgeoisie?

- a. those who sell their labour in order to earn a livelihood
- b. those who own and control the means of production
- c. those who are opposed to the capitalist
- d. those who are unemployed

36. Who is seen as the most crucial figure in the development of sociology as an academic discipline?

- a. Karl Marx
- b. Max Weber
- c. Émile Durkheim
- d. Auguste Comte

37. What is one finding of a microlevel feminist analysis?

- a. On average, women earn less than men.
- b. Men interrupt women more in conversation.
- c. Women are underrepresented in federal politics.
- d. Men are overrepresented at the executive level of business.

38. What distinguishes sociological inquiry from popular myths?