

Week 4 Assignment: Midterm Collective Study Guide

Instructions

Prompt: You were assigned 5 questions from the midterm study guide to answer. You will answer these questions on your own, using the course content to come up with the answers to these questions. Other students were also assigned the same questions as you to ensure that all questions would be answered in case a student did not complete their part of the study guide. After this, you will turn in your responses to your assigned questions to BOTH the Collective Google Document where you will copy and paste your answers and on Canvas. If you're wondering how you should study for the exam, refer to the "Study Skills Advice" section of the syllabus.

You can find video instructions for this assignment on the Week 4 Learning Materials page.

The Midterm Exam will be composed of multiple choice, matching, and true/false questions (worth 2 points each). At the end of the exam, there will be 6 short answer questions (worth 5 points each), one from each section plus a bonus question. Short answer questions are meant to be answered in 2-3 concise, well written sentences.

Intro to Sociology (5 questions, 1 short answer)

1. Define the following terms: sociology, social facts, diversity, privilege, oppression, structure, agency, social institutions
2. What does it mean to use your sociological imagination? Provide an example of how using your sociological imagination can help you have a deeper understanding of a social phenomena
3. Compare personal troubles to public issues. Provide an example
4. Why study sociology? What are some possible careers where sociology and its associated skills can be useful?

Research Methods (7 questions, 1 short answer)

5. Define the following terms: scientific method, hypothesis, survey, experiment, ethnography, participant observation, autoethnography, institutional ethnography, qualitative interviews, secondary data analysis, content analysis, community based

research, reliability, validity, generalizability

6. What kinds of topics and questions do sociologists examine?
7. What is the difference between a macro-level perspective and a micro-level perspective? Give examples of research questions from each perspective.
8. What is the difference between qualitative and quantitative data? Give examples of each kind of data
9. What is an interpretive framework? How is this method of research different from methods that rely on the scientific method?
10. What is reflexivity? Why might this be important when conducting research?
11. Provide an example of an unethical study. Why was the study unethical?

History of Sociology and Social Theory (9 questions, 1 short answer)

12. Define the following terms: imperialism, colonialism, positivism, bourgeoisie, proletariat, alienation, false consciousness, mechanical solidarity, organic solidarity, sacred, profane, rituals, instrumental rationality, iron cage, verstehen, intersectionality
13. What historical events led to the development of European sociology? How did these events influence what early European sociologists wrote about
14. How did Karl Marx view society? In what ways did Marx critique capitalism?
15. What were the four kinds of alienation that Marx described?
16. What did Emile Durkheim focus on in his research of society?
17. What did Max Weber focus on in his research of society? According to Max Weber, what is the connection between protestantism and capitalism?
18. Why is W.E.B. Du Bois a significant theorist in American Sociology? What did he study?
19. Why was the Chicago School of Sociology significant in American Sociology? What did they study?
20. What are the three paradigms/perspectives in sociology? Briefly describe each one.
21. What is postmodern theory? How does it differ from previous theories in sociology?
22. What are the basic tenets of postcolonial theory?
23. What are the common tenets of feminist theory? How is Black feminist theory different from previous feminist theories?

Culture, Groups, and Organizations (9 questions, 1 short answer)

24. Define the following terms: group, crowd, primary group, secondary group, reference groups, traditional authority, rational-legal authority, charismatic authority, strong ties, weak ties, social capital, isomorphism, culture, ethnocentrism, cultural relativism, cultural objects, material culture, symbolic culture, high culture, pop culture,

folkways, mores, taboos, dominant culture, subculture, counterculture, symbolic boundaries, social boundaries, othering

25. How do we perceive and treat in-groups vs. out-groups?
26. Compare and contrast dyads and triads
27. Compare and contrast small groups and large groups
28. Define each leadership style? In what circumstances is each one ideal?
29. What did Granovetter find in his study "The Strength of Weak Ties"?
30. Why are our social networks status homophilous and value homophilous?
31. What are the six different ways we can classify organizations? Provide an example of each type of organization
32. What are the features of bureaucracy?
33. Compare and contrast bureaucracy and collectivism
34. What are the three kinds of isomorphism?
35. How does cultural change happen? Give an example for each way.
36. What are the three different kinds of cultural capital?
37. What are the two perspectives on the relationship between culture and social class?

Socialization & Interaction (5 questions, 1 short answer)

38. Define the following terms: socialization, habitualization, institutionalization, thomas theorem, ethnomethodology, looking glass self, dramaturgy, roles, identity salience, emotion work, anticipatory socialization, resocialization
39. What does it mean to say that an aspect of society is socially constructed?
40. What does it mean to say that emotions are socially constructed?
41. How do people suppress or evoke emotions?
42. What are the stages of self development according to George Herbert Mead?
43. Provide an example of surface acting and deep acting
44. Who are the agents of socialization?
45. What is the blue eyes/brown eyes experiment? How is this an example of socialization?

Purpose

The purpose of this assignment is to help you prepare for the Midterm Exam

Grading Criteria

- Please refer to the rubric below for this assignment.
- Submit your answers as a .doc, .docx, or .pdf by 11:59 on Sunday. One point (aka 5%) will be taken off your grade for each day the assignment is late.

Submitting your Assignment

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Study Guide Rubric

Criteria	Ratings		Pts
Completion	5 to > 0.0 pts Completed All Questions	0 pts NoMarks	5 pts
Contribution to Google Document	5 pts Posted Their Answers to the Google Document	0 pts Did Not Post Their Answers to the Google Document	5 pts
Total Points: 10			