



Sociology

Unit III Review Guide – Social Agents

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Directions: Use the following review guide to help you prepare for the Unit III Test dealing with Social Agents. This review guide will not be collected for points and it is not required to complete the whole thing. The topics on this review guide are the topics that will be on the test so it is recommended that you focus on the topics you know least about in order to better prepare for the exam.

Section 1 – Defining Groups

1. Define socialization and why participation in different groups is so important in the process of socialization.

2. What are social categories and how are they helpful or harmful within society?

3. Explain the following types of groups
 - a. Social Aggregate –
 - b. Primary Group –
 - c. Secondary Group –
 - d. In-Group –
 - e. Out-Group –

4. Explain each of the following purposes that groups play
 - a. Coercion –
 - b. Cooperation –
 - c. Social Exchange –
 - d. Reciprocity -
 - e. Conflict –

Section 2 – Social Agents

5. Explain each of the sociological perspectives of the family
 - a. Conflict theory –
 - b. Feminist theory –
 - c. Symbolic Interaction –
 - d. Functionalism –

6. Explain the major changes and patterns in family dynamics since the 1960s
7. What are peer groups and what role do they play in the socialization of the individual? How does it differ from the family?
8. How do schools impact the formation of groups?
9. Explain how cliques and crowds can lead to victimization and harassment.
10. What impact does rejection and bullying have on the socialization of individuals?
11. How does socialization change over time and what major groups influence people throughout the different stages in their lives.
12. What are gender norms and how can they play a role in the socialization of an individual?
13. Explain some of the trends and patterns of differing treatment of gender groups, sexuality groups across space and time.
14. Define Race
15. Define Ethnicity
16. What role does race and ethnicity have in socialization of individuals?

17. Explain the following factors as related to race and ethnicity
 - a. Discrimination
 - b. Racism
 - c. Assimilation
 - d. Prejudice
 - e. Bigotry
18. Explain each of the following concepts as connected to sexuality
 - a. Legalism –
 - b. Situational Ethics –
 - c. Ethical Relativism –
19. How does sociology view human sexuality?
20. How do traditional views of the current trends of sexuality clash with feminist, homosexual, and modernistic views?
21. Explain how each of the following sociological perspectives view religion's role in the process of socialization.
 - a. Structuralism -
 - b. Conflict –
 - c. Functional –
22. How will the role of the government impact the socialization of an individual in a conservative government versus a liberal government?