

Study Guide Questions for Test 2

Chapter 4

1. What is social structure? Is it a macro or micro sociological perspective and why?
2. What is a social status? Ascribed and achieved status? Status symbols? Master status?
3. What are the various stages of social development (or transformation)?
4. What did Durkheim believe holds society together (be sure to consider mechanical and organic solidarity)?
5. What did Tonnie's believe holds society together (be sure to consider *Gemeinschaft* and *Gesellschaft*)?
6. What is a stereotype? Dramaturgy? Impression management? Role conflict and role strain?
7. How are background assumptions related to ethnomethodology?
8. What is meant by "social construction of reality"? Describe an example.

Chapter 5

9. What is a social group? Aggregate? Category? Primary and secondary group?
10. What is the Iron Law of Oligarchy? Thomas' theorem?
11. What are examples of reference groups?
12. What is the "small world phenomena"? Did the "small world phenomena" hold up under further testing by Kleinfeld?
13. What is facebooking?

14. What are the characteristics of bureaucracy? What is meant by "Red tape"?
Work alienation?
15. Who becomes a leader? What are types of leaders and leadership styles?
16. What was the Ashe experiment on conformity and what were the results? The
Milgram experiment on conformity (following directions) and its results?
17. What is meant by McDonaldization of Society?
18. What happens as a group grows in size? What are the effects of group size on
attitudes and behavior?
19. What is groupthink? Its implications? How can it be prevented?

Chapter 6

20. What is deviance? Relativity of deviance?
21. Describe three symbolic interaction theories that explain deviant behavior.
22. What is the functional perspective of deviance? Strain Theory? Street vs
white collar crime?
23. What is the conflict perspective of crime?
24. How has prison growth compared to the growth of the U.S. population?
25. What is recidivism and what is the rate of recidivism?
26. How prevalent is the death penalty? What is a serial and a mass murderer?
What is a "hate" crime?
27. What is meant by medicalization of deviance? Are the homeless mentally ill?