

**Study Guide Questions for Test 3**  
**(reviews Chapters 7, 8, and 9)**

Chapter 7

1. What are causes of slavery? Does slavery exist today? If so, explain.
2. What is meant by the "caste" system? Where does it exist and how does it work?
3. What is meant by the social class system? What is it based on?
4. What is social stratification and its types?
5. How did Marx define social class? According to Marx, what caused it? What is class consciousness? False class consciousness?
6. How did Weber define social class? According to Weber, what caused it?
7. How do functionalist and conflict theorists view stratification? Why do they think it is inevitable?
8. Compare social stratification in Great Britain to that of the former Soviet Union. What are the characteristics of social stratification in each?
9. Describe the explanations for stratification among nations.
10. Describe the factors that maintain global stratification.

Chapter 8

1. What are the components of social class? Describe each. Is wealth the same as income? Why do people give more prestige to some jobs than others?
2. What causes one to be in a particular social class?
3. What is status inconsistency? What can it cause someone to feel?
4. What are the consequences of social class?

5. What are three types of social mobility? Describe each.
6. How do government officials decide who is in poverty (i.e., the poverty line)?  
What the demographic characteristics of those in poverty? Children?
7. What are the myths about the poor? Why is each a myth?
8. What factors contribute to people being poor in the U.S.?

### Chapter 9

1. What is the difference between race and ethnicity?
2. Can a plane ride change your race?
3. What is a minority group? Is it based on a numerical minority? What is its opposite?
4. What is the difference between individual and institutional discrimination?  
Provide examples of each. How is institutional discrimination practiced in home mortgages? Health care? House? Police? Social Security?
5. What are the characteristics of a person who is prejudice?
6. How do the three sociological perspectives view or explain prejudice?
7. There are six global patterns of intergroup relations that make up a continuum ranging from genocide to multiculturalism. Describe each.
8. What is the race vs social class debate?
9. Who are Asian Americans? Why are they so successful in America?
10. Who are Native Americans? Why are they considered the invisible minority?  
What are their social characteristics?
11. What is Affirmative Action? Why do some like it and why do others not like it?
12. Who was Thurgood Marshall? What were his major accomplishments?