

Study Guide Questions for Test 2

Medical Sociology

1. How is the sociological perspective related to medical sociology?
2. What do we mean by medicalization? How does it affect those in the health care field? What is the Epidemiological transition? Acute and chronic disease?
3. What are the two primary research methods used? Describe them.
4. What factors affect one's health?
5. Describe the basic problems found with the U.S. health care system and the Affordable Care Act.
6. What causes the high cost of health care in the U.S.?
7. What is the basic history of health care in the U.S., particularly the health programs passed in the 1960's?
8. How does the U.S. health care system compare to other "advanced" countries?

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? Advantages? Disadvantages? 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 on deviance?
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?