

What Is Sociology?

Guided Reading

Section 2

READING THE SECTION

DIRECTIONS In your own words, write the definition of each term.

1. social Darwinism: _____

2. function: _____

3. *Verstehen*: _____

4. ideal type: _____

5. empirical: _____

DIRECTIONS Look at each set of four terms. On the line provided, write the letter of the term that does not relate to the others.

_____ 6. a. Durkheim
b. function
c. social order
d. Weber

_____ 9. a. experiment
b. empirical
c. Du Bois
d. ideal type

_____ 7. a. *Verstehen*
b. Weber
c. social Darwinism
d. ideal type

_____ 10. a. Comte
b. description
c. essential characteristics
d. ideal type

_____ 8. a. Marx
b. Spencer
c. biological model
d. social Darwinism

POST-READING QUICK CHECK

DIRECTIONS On the line provided before each statement, write **T** if a statement is true and **F** if a statement is false. If the statement is false, write the correct term on the line after each sentence that makes the sentence a true statement.

_____ 11. The phrase “survival of the fittest” is most closely associated with Spencer’s idea of *Verstehen*.

_____ 12. According to Durkheim, an ideal type is the consequence that an element of society produces for the maintenance of its social system.

_____ 13. With *Verstehen*, one puts oneself in the place of others and tries to see situations through their eyes.

_____ 14. Because it is composed only of essential characteristics, the ideal type for a school might not be a perfect representation of your school.

DIRECTIONS Write a word or phrase that means the opposite of each term given.

15. social Darwinism _____

16. ideal type _____

17. empirical _____