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

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

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

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

10. a. Comte
    b. description
    c. essential characteristics
    d. ideal type
**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 Durkeim, 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 ________________________________