Assignment 7

Multiple Choice
Identify the choice that best completes the statement or answers the question.

1. At what level of the social hierarchy are the trend setters at a high school?
a. top c. bottom
b. middle d. none of these

2. Where do you think Vaisyas would most likely be seen socializing with Dalits?
a. at a city school c. in a restaurant
b. on a rural road d. nowhere

3. About what portion of the wealth in the United States is controlled by the richest 1 percent of the population?
a. more than one third c. less than half
b. more than two thirds d. all

4. Americans tend to give an individual respect and honor based on what the individual
   a. wears. c. eats.
b. does for a living. d. earns.

5. Conflict theorists see competition over scarce resources as
   a. a survival function for simple societies.
b. a necessary feature of the social structure.
c. unimportant in society.
d. the cause of social inequality.

6. Which of the following synthesizes conflict theory and functionalist theory?
a. Each approach complements the other and explains specific aspects of stratification.
b. People spend years learning a skill because the reward is high.
c. The theories of stratification are incorrect and need revising.
d. Children of wealthy parents go to the best colleges.

7. What is a major difference among social classes in the United States?
a. talent c. age
b. income d. none of these

8. Only 50 percent of children born in the underclass in America achieve a higher class. What is this type of movement?
a. intergenerational vertical mobility c. intergenerational horizontal mobility
b. intragenerational vertical mobility d. intragenerational horizontal mobility

9. Which of the following does not influence the likelihood that an individual lives in poverty?
a. race c. sex
b. personality d. age
10. Select the statement that best explains how someone in the United States can live more comfortably than someone in a different nation yet still have a hard time affording basic needs.
   a. By definition, there are no poor people in the United States.
   b. The standard of living in the United States is high.
   c. Most Americans do not qualify for public assistance.
   d. none of these

11. For what family size is the poverty level most often quoted in news stories?
   a. 1 person
   b. 2 persons
   c. 4 persons
   d. 6 persons

12. What are two reasons that poor Americans have ill health and a shorter life expectancy?
   a. inadequate nutrition and less access to medical care
   b. fewer female-headed households and poor education
   c. war on poverty and high crime rates
   d. higher property taxes and less school funding

13. What is the best explanation for why public schools in wealthy areas offer students better life chances?
   a. Wealthy school districts have better teachers than poor districts.
   b. Wealthy school districts are better funded than poor districts.
   c. both a and b
   d. neither a nor b

14. How has the current overall poverty rate in the United States changed since the early 1970s?
   a. decreased
   b. increased
   c. remained the same
   d. been eliminated

15. Where does money for transfer payments come from?
   a. tax revenues
   b. donations
   c. crime
   d. health-care facilities