Theories of Self Development

**Section Quiz**

**Exercise 1**
Socialization, as a sociological term, describes:
- a. how people interact during social situations
- b. how people learn societal norms, beliefs, and values
- c. a person’s internal mental state when in a group setting
- d. the difference between introverts and extroverts

**Exercise 2**
The Harlows’ study on rhesus monkeys showed that:
- a. rhesus monkeys raised by other primate species are poorly socialized
- b. monkeys can be adequately socialized by imitating humans
- c. food is more important than social comfort
- d. social comfort is more important than food

**Exercise 3**
What occurs in Lawrence Kohlberg’s conventional level?
- a. Children develop the ability to have abstract thoughts.
- b. Morality is developed by pain and pleasure.
- c. Children begin to consider what society considers moral and immoral.
- d. Parental beliefs have no influence on children’s morality.

**Exercise 4**
What did Carol Gilligan believe earlier researchers into morality had overlooked?
- a. The justice perspective
- b. Sympathetic reactions to moral situations
- c. The perspective of females
- d. How social environment affects how morality develops

**Exercise 5**
What is one way to distinguish between psychology and sociology?
- a. Psychology focuses on the mind, while sociology focuses on society.
- b. Psychologists are interested in mental health, while sociologists are interested in societal functions.
c. Psychologists look inward to understand behavior while sociologists look outward.
d. All of the above

Exercise 6
How did nearly complete isolation as a child affect Danielle’s verbal abilities?
a. She could not communicate at all.
b. She never learned words, but she did learn signs.
c. She could not understand much, but she could use gestures.
d. She could understand and use basic language like “yes” and “no.”

Short Answer

Exercise 1
Think of a current issue or pattern that a sociologist might study. What types of questions would the sociologist ask, and what research methods might he employ? Now consider the questions and methods a psychologist might use to study the same issue. Comment on their different approaches.

Exercise 2
Explain why it’s important to conduct research using both male and female participants. What sociological topics might show gender differences? Provide some examples to illustrate your ideas.

Why Socialization Matters

Section Quiz

Exercise 1
Why do sociologists need to be careful when drawing conclusions from twin studies?
a. The results do not apply to singletons.
b. The twins were often raised in different ways.
c. The twins may turn out to actually be fraternal.
d. The sample sizes are often small.

Exercise 2
From a sociological perspective, which factor does not greatly influence a person’s socialization?
a. Gender
b. Class
c. Blood type
d. Race
Exercise 3
Chris Langan’s story illustrates that:

a. children raised in one-parent households tend to have higher IQs.
b. intelligence is more important than socialization.
c. socialization can be more important than intelligence.
d. neither socialization nor intelligence affects college admissions.

Short Answer

Exercise 1
Why are twin studies an important way to learn about the relative effects of genetics and socialization on children? What questions about human development do you believe twin studies are best for answering? For what types of questions would twin studies not be as helpful?

Exercise 2
Why do you think that people like Chris Langan continue to have difficulty even after they are helped through societal systems? What is it they’ve missed that prevents them from functioning successfully in the social world?

Agents of Socialization

Section Quiz

Exercise 1
Why are wealthy parents more likely than poor parents to socialize their children toward creativity and problem solving?

a. Wealthy parents are socializing their children toward the skills of white-collar employment.
b. Wealthy parents are not concerned about their children rebelling against their rules.
c. Wealthy parents never engage in repetitive tasks.
d. Wealthy parents are more concerned with money than with a good education.

Exercise 2
How do schools prepare children to one day enter the workforce?

a. With a standardized curriculum
b. Through the hidden curriculum
c. By socializing them in teamwork
d. All of the above
Exercise 3
Which one of the following is not a way people are socialized by religion?
   a. People learn the material culture of their religion.
   b. Life stages and roles are connected to religious celebration.
   c. An individual’s personal internal experience of a divine being leads to their faith.
   d. Places of worship provide a space for shared group experiences.

Exercise 4
Which of the following is a manifest function of schools?
   a. Understanding when to speak up and when to be silent
   b. Learning to read and write
   c. Following a schedule
   d. Knowing locker room etiquette

Exercise 5
Which of the following is typically the earliest agent of socialization?
   a. School
   b. Family
   c. Mass media
   d. Workplace

Short Answer

Exercise 1
Do you think it is important that parents discuss gender roles with their young children, or is gender a topic better left for later? How do parents consider gender norms when buying their children books, movies, and toys? How do you believe they should consider it?

Exercise 2
Based on your observations, when are adolescents more likely to listen to their parents or to their peer groups when making decisions? What types of dilemmas lend themselves toward one social agent over another?

Socialization Across the Life Course

Section Quiz

Exercise 1
Which of the following is not an age-related transition point when Americans must be socialized to new roles?
Exercise 2
Which of the following is true regarding American socialization of recent high school graduates?

a. They are expected to take a year “off” before college.
b. They are required to serve in the military for one year.
c. They are expected to enter college, trade school, or the workforce shortly after graduation.
d. They are required to move away from their parents.

Short Answer

Exercise 1
Consider a person who is joining a sorority or fraternity, or attending college or boarding school, or even a child beginning kindergarten. How is the process the student goes through a form of socialization? What new cultural behaviors must the student adapt to?

Exercise 2
Do you think resocialization requires a total institution? Why or why not? Can you think of any other ways someone could be resocialized?
Answers

Answers to “Theories of Self Development” Section Quiz

Answers to “Why Socialization Matters” Section Quiz
1. D, 2. C, 3. C,

Answers to “Agents of Socialization” Section Quiz

Answers to “Socialization Across the Life Course” Section Quiz
1. A, 2. C.