

SOC105 Introduction to Sociology

Overview (11/11)



General Information:

Exam Title:	Introduction to Sociology	Policies and Procedures:	www.uexceltest.com/regguide
Admin Code:	SOC105	Exam Prerequisites:	None
Exam Format:	Multiple-Choice	Additional Exam	
Exam Length:	2 Hours, 120 Questions	Requirements/	
Exam Credit Hrs:	3 Semester Hrs - Lower Level	Recommendations:	None
Exam Texts:	www.uexceltest.com/bookstore		
Additional Materials:	Content Guide, Practice Exam		

Exam Description: The UExcel examination in Introduction to Sociology measures knowledge and understanding of the material and skills typically taught in a one-semester, undergraduate survey course in a baccalaureate program. The examination content reflects common knowledge drawn from courses with such titles as Introduction to Sociology or General Sociology. No prior knowledge or understanding of sociology is assumed. The examination tests for a knowledge of facts and terminology, an understanding of concepts and forms, and for the student's ability to apply the concepts learned in an introductory sociology course.

Exam Outcomes:

After you have successfully worked your way through the recommended study materials, you should be able to:

- demonstrate an understanding of the sociological perspective including classical and contemporary theories and the major sociological research methods
- explain the various aspects of the social framework including culture, society, socialization, social interaction, social groups, and organizations
- discuss the major issues surrounding differentiation and inequality, such as deviance and conformity, social stratification, race and ethnicity, sex and gender, and aging
- explain the major social institutions including the family, education, religion, politics, work and the economy, and health and medicine
- demonstrate understanding of the relationship between definite and indefinite integrals
- discuss the process of social change including population dynamics, urbanization, globalization, ecology, collective behavior, and the future of society

Exam Content Areas:

1. The Sociological Perspective (10%)
2. The Social Foundations (20%)
3. Differentiation and Inequality (30%)
4. Social Institutions (30%)
5. Social Change (10%)

Recommended Resources:

Macionis, J. (2012). *Sociology* (14th ed.). Upper Saddle River NJ: Pearson Prentice Hall.
ISBN: 0-205-11671-X

UExcel Practice Exam for Sociology
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Sample Questions

1. According to Auguste Comte, which stage came first in the development of history?
 - a) metaphysical
 - b) prescientific
 - c) theological
 - d) traditional
2. Which is most heavily emphasized by critical sociology?
 - a) not imposing one's values on one's research
 - b) the meaning people attach to their world
 - c) systematic observation
 - d) the need for change
3. Which is an example of the "McDonaldization" of society?
 - a) A person obtains cash from an automatic teller machine.
 - b) A couple negotiate the particulars of a vacation with a travel agent.
 - c) A professor tailors an exam to the unique needs of each student.
 - d) A traveler spends the night at a local bed and breakfast.
4. Merton's strain theory of deviance uses which term to describe someone who accepts society's conventional goals but rejects the conventional means to obtain them?
 - a) conformist
 - b) innovator
 - c) retreatist
 - d) ritualist
5. What is meant by the term glass ceiling?
 - a) an informal barrier that prevents women from being promoted at work
 - b) measuring a woman's worth in terms of her physical appearance
 - c) a form of social organization in which males dominate females
 - d) defining administrative support work as women's work