

Stratification

Chapter 10

1. Identify and explain the meaning of the four principles of social stratification. (248)
2. What are the basic elements of a caste system? Why do caste systems exist in agrarian societies? (248-49)
3. What are the social effects of the class system? (250)
4. Why do caste systems have more status consistency than caste systems have? (251)
5. Why is the Davis-Moore thesis an example of the structural-functionalist view of stratification? (257)
6. What the social conflict view of stratification? What prediction of Marx makes communism an example of the social conflict view of stratification? (258-259)
7. What did Max Weber identify as the three dimensions of inequality? (261)
8. What is shown by Kuznets curve? (263)

Chapter 11

1. How do each of the following factors influence one's social class standing in the United States? (275-76)
A. ancestry; B. gender; C. race and ethnicity; D. religion.
2. What reasons are given that make it hard to define social categories in the United States? (276)
3. Read the section "Who Are The Poor." (287, 289) If you were a social planner, which poverty high risk social category would you try to help the most? Why?
4. Read page 291 and answer the questions at the end of the reading.
5. Read page 290 and 292. What evidence exists to support each side of this "blame" argument? With which view do you agree.? Why?
6. Read the section on homelessness (292-93). What surprised you? Why?