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Sociology

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Indicate whether the sentence or statement is true or false. If the sentence or statement is false, change the underlined phrase to make it true.

- _____ 1. By adopting a sociological imagination, you can look beyond commonly held beliefs to the hidden meanings behind human actions.
- _____ 2. Social sciences are the observable facts or events that involve human society.
- _____ 3. Psychology is the social science that studies human society and social behavior.
- _____ 4. A function is the consequence that an element of society produces for the maintenance of its social system.
- _____ 5. A symbol is anything that represents something else.
- _____ 6. People who employ the interactionist perspective focus on the forces in society that promote competition and change.
- _____ 7. A latent function is the intended and recognized consequence of some element of society.
- _____ 8. A theory is a description comprised of the essential characteristics of a feature of society.
- _____ 9. Political science is the study of past events.
- _____ 10. Economics is the study of the choices people make in an effort to satisfy their needs and wants.
- _____ 11. Symbolic interaction is where interactionists focus on how people use symbols when interacting.
- _____ 12. A dysfunction is the negative consequence an element has for the stability of the social system.
- _____ 13. Karl Marx coined the phrase “survival of the fittest.”
- _____ 14. Auguste Comte suggested that certain processes, which he called social statics, hold society together.
- _____ 15. The phrase “survival of the fittest” is based on the belief that the best aspects of society would survive over time.