

Elements of Sociological Analysis

Answer Key

1. Answer: b. Folkways

Explanation: Folkways are norms without moral significance. Not brushing one's teeth regularly is not usually the custom, but it does not have a grave consequence.

2. Answer: b. Counterculture

Explanation: Countercultures are groups whose values, beliefs, and practices are substantially different from the widely accepted culture. Cults are examples of this.

3. Answer: c. Agricultural

Explanation: Agricultural society was developed when humans began to invent tools. Farming was the main means of living at this time where digging sticks and hoes are widely used.

4. **Answer:** a. Anomie theory

Explanation: Anomie theory, proposed by Robert Merton, states that deviance is caused by individuals who want to attain a socially approved goal. This person from the lower class performed deviance because she wanted to finish her studies so badly that she exhausted all the means to achieve it.

5. Answer: c. Utilitarian

Explanation: Utilitarian organization is where members join because they want to get a specific material reward. In this example, Simon desires to have a diploma after completing and joining school.

