

Social Change and Future Trends

Answer Key

1. Answer: c. Total fertility rate

Explanation: The first two choices are examples of technological advances while total fertility rate, although can relate to technology and its effects, is more related to the factor of population.

2. Answer: a. Digital divide

Explanation: Digital divide is the increasing gap among regions that have access to communications technology and modern information and those who do not have or little means to acquire it.

3. Answer: b. Members of the minority are more exposed to hazardous and dangerous sources of environmental pollution.

Explanation: Environmental racism is a concept that refers to the disproportionate exposure of members of minority groups to hazardous and dangerous items. Option C reflects the result of environmental racism but does not necessarily explain what the concept is all about.

4. Answer: c. Societies, although going through similar stages, have different directions.

Explanation: This statement reflects multilinear evolutionary theory of Gerhard Lenski Jr., rather than the unilinear evolutionary theory where it states that all societies have one common end.

5. Answer: c. Conflict theory is after societal balance; functionalist pursues emancipation.

Explanation: This statement is the opposite. It is the functionalist theory that recovers balance by letting other structures adjust in response to the change, while conflict theory desires social change so that people will be free from the sufferings of exploitation.

