



Worksheet 5: Perspectives answers

Complete each concept or approach by inserting the missing words.

1 Functionalism

Functionalism is a consensus approach. Society is united by value consensus, meaning shared norms and values. Society is made up of social institutions such as the family. Functionalists use the biological analogy to describe how society works.

social value analogy values consensus biological institutions consensus

2 Marxism

Marxism is a conflict approach. Capitalism is an economic system that Marxists see as creating inequality. The wealthy bourgeoisie own the means of production and are able to exploit the proletariat.

means proletariat inequality conflict bourgeoisie Capitalism production
exploit

3 Feminism

Feminism is a conflict approach. Feminists focus on gender inequality in society. They see society as patriarchal, meaning based on male domination. There are three main feminist views radical, liberal and Marxist. All see society as oppressing women.

gender conflict Marxist patriarchal radical oppressing inequality
liberal

4 Interactionist perspectives

These perspectives include symbolic interactionist and labelling theory. Interactionists focus on social meanings. People are able to interpret interactions and act accordingly. Labelling theory looks at how the action of others affect behaviour. Being given a label can lead to a self-fulfilling prophecy.

self-fulfilling social interpret meanings prophecy symbolic label interactionism
inequality Labelling