Study Questions – Stratification, Class, and Inequities Test

1. What does the term “stratification” mean with respect to sociology?
2. Name 3 different types of stratification in the U.S.
3. What is the difference between and “open” and “closed” system? Give an example of each.
4. What is social mobility?
5. Explain the difference between upward and downward mobility.
6. Give four examples of life chances and how they might differ in different classes.
7. What was stratification based on in rural, more underdeveloped societies?
8. What is stratification based on in industrialized societies?
9. What is spatial mobility? Give a real life example.
10. What is structural mobility?
11. How does a status symbol maintain the stratification system?
12. What is deference?
13. What is demeanor?
14. What is the difference between power and authority?
15. What was the Great Transformation and how was it important? Take your time with this answer and be complete.
16. According to the conflict theorists, what is class consciousness and how are people at assessing it?
17. What is the difference between intragenerational and intergenerational mobility?
18. What is the interactionist’s perspective on stratification? What causes it?
19. What is the conflict theorist’s perspective on stratification? What causes it?
20. When considering the lowest 20%, the middle 60%, and the upper 20%, where is the wealth and where is the poverty in the U.S.
21. From what you know about poverty in the U.S., what groups, sex, or age do you not want to be if you want to avoid falling into poverty? Think about this one?