

**Social Change and Modernization**

**MULTIPLE CHOICE** In each blank, write the letter of the choice that best completes the statement or answers the question.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. According to the theory of Oswald Spengler, Western society is now in its  
a. infancy.  
b. youth.  
c. adulthood.  
d. old age.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Evolutionary theories of social change hold that societies move  
a. toward eventual decline.  
b. toward eventual conflict.  
c. toward increased complexity.  
d. in a cyclical pattern.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Unlike Marx, Ralf Dahrendorf believes that  
a. conflict is the central feature of all societies.  
b. class conflict is the moving force in human history.  
c. revolution is the principal way in which conflicts are resolved.  
d. social change can occur through compromise and adaptation.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. All of the following factors may have contributed to the failure of modernization theory EXCEPT  
a. past dependence of less developed nations on the West.  
b. higher death rates among the population of less developed nations.  
c. the colonial powers' use of colonies as sources of raw materials.  
d. the large populations of less developed nations as they begin modernization.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. According to world-system theory, Spain, Portugal, South Korea, and Taiwan are classified as  
a. semiperipheral nations.  
b. peripheral nations.  
c. developing nations.  
d. core nations.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. All of the following are consequences of modernization EXCEPT  
a. longer life expectancies.  
b. feelings of social isolation.  
c. increased authority of the family and religion in society.  
d. soil, water, and air pollution.

**SHORT ANSWER** Answer the questions in the space provided.

7. Describe Pitirim Sorokin's principal of immanent change. \_\_\_\_\_

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8. According to Herbert Spencer, why did some societies thrive and others die out?

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9. Describe ways in which modern evolutionary theories differ from early evolutionary theories. \_\_\_\_\_

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10. Describe how social change occurs according to equilibrium theory. \_\_\_\_\_

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11. According to modernization theory, how will less developed nations change socially as they modernize? Give examples. \_\_\_\_\_

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12. According to world-system theory, how does economic cooperation with core nations affect peripheral nations? Why? \_\_\_\_\_

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