

**CHAPTER****9****Review Worksheet**  
**Social Stratification**

**FILL IN THE BLANK** In each blank, write the word or phrase that best completes the sentence.

1. Sociologists call the division of society into categories, ranks, or classes social \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Divisions based on individual abilities and behaviors lead to social \_\_\_\_\_, the unequal sharing of scarce resources and social rewards.
3. In a \_\_\_\_\_ system, a person's status is assigned at birth and usually remains the same throughout life.
4. \_\_\_\_\_, or marriage outside one's own social category, is traditionally forbidden in a caste system.
5. According to Karl Marx, the \_\_\_\_\_ are the workers who sell their labor in exchange for wages.
6. Sociologists who adopt the view of Max Weber define social class as a grouping of people with similar levels of wealth, power, and \_\_\_\_\_.
7. An individual's wealth is made up of his or her \_\_\_\_\_—the value of everything the person owns—and income—money earned through salaries and wages.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ is the ability to control the behavior of others, with or without their consent.
9. Many working-class jobs require manual labor and have been traditionally labeled \_\_\_\_\_ jobs.
10. Families who have experienced unemployment and poverty over several generations are part of the \_\_\_\_\_ social stratum.
11. Families are considered poor if their income falls below the minimum set by the U.S. Bureau of the Census as the \_\_\_\_\_ level.
12. \_\_\_\_\_ are factors such as health, length of life, and education that influence an individual's ability to share in the opportunities and benefits of society.

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

- \_\_\_\_\_ **13.** When sociologists rank individuals according to social class by asking them to determine their own social rank, they are using the
- a.** reputational method.
  - b.** subjective method.
  - c.** objective method.
  - d.** horizontal method.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **14.** The least biased determination of class, which is based on income, occupation, and education, is the
- a.** reputational method.
  - b.** subjective method.
  - c.** objective method.
  - d.** horizontal method.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **15.** “Old money” and “new money” are two divisions of the
- a.** underclass.
  - b.** working class.
  - c.** upper-middle class.
  - d.** capitalist class.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **16.** Movement within a social class or stratum is called
- a.** horizontal mobility.
  - b.** vertical mobility.
  - c.** interclass mobility.
  - d.** intergenerational mobility.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **17.** All of the following are structural factors affecting upward mobility EXCEPT
- a.** advances in technology.
  - b.** individual effort.
  - c.** changes in merchandising patterns.
  - d.** increases in the population’s general level of education.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **18.** The largest percentage of people living below the poverty level are
- a.** women.
  - b.** African Americans.
  - c.** children.
  - d.** Hispanics.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **19.** The transfer to the poor of goods and services rather than cash is called
- a.** a transfer payment.
  - b.** welfare.
  - c.** the War on Poverty.
  - d.** a subsidy.