

**Problem set** Chapter Quiz  
**Title**  
**Introductory**  
**Text**

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**Question 1**

**Type:**  
Multiple Choice

Americans are intuitively aware of class differences from an early age. Why would some people consider characterizing them as "un-American"?

**Hint:**

**Feedback for all incorrect answers:**

Answer	Graded As	Feedback
The American popular culture, excludes class differences from its content.	Correct	
Class differences among the majority of Americans (i.e. the middle class), whose tastes the popular culture reflects, are too amorphous for such differences to be believable.	Incorrect	
Americans see their society as being equal.	Incorrect	
Class structure and patriotism are purely subjective constructs.	Incorrect	

**Question 2**

**Type:**  
Multiple Choice

Which of the following is a gauge of class difference used by high net income individuals among each other?

**Hint:**

**Feedback for all incorrect answers:**

Answer	Graded As	Feedback
being on the board of a symphony	Correct	
an exotic sports car	Incorrect	
occupation, such as trial lawyer or eye surgeon	Incorrect	
offshore bank account	Incorrect	

**Question 3**

**Type:**  
Multiple Choice

In the traditional socioeconomic image of social class, which of the following dimensions would be contradicted?

**Hint:**

**Feedback for all incorrect answers:**

Answer	Graded As	Feedback
conflict between classes	Correct	
inequality in the middle class	Incorrect	

labor status	Incorrect
family structure	Incorrect

#### Question 4

**Type:**  
Multiple Choice

Given the general consensus of experts, would an elderly person be considered a member of the underclass if his fixed income, including Social Security, were under \$12,000 a year?

**Hint:**

**Feedback for all incorrect answers:**

Answer	Graded As	Feedback
No, only the elderly living in neighborhoods or situations that met the criteria of poverty, crime, and welfare dependency would.	Correct	
Yes, because members of the underclass can be limited to certain substandard incomes.	Incorrect	
No, Social Security guarantees that no person lives in poverty, either independently or in a retirement community.	Incorrect	
Yes, the elderly are a growing "underclass" demographic no matter how you interpret who belongs in it.	Incorrect	

#### Question 5

**Type:**  
Multiple Choice

As tattoos have become more accepted and elaborate, tattoo artists now make incomes that surpass many jobs in the white-collar service sector. Some tattoo artists are celebrities now. What do they represent in a Marxian thesis?

**Hint:**

**Feedback for all incorrect answers:**

Answer	Graded As	Feedback
Tattoo artist jobs are an embourgeoisement of an entrepreneurial service field.	Correct	
Tattoo artists don't even fit a conservative continuum thesis because they are neither white nor blue collar.	Incorrect	
Tattoo artists, despite the high-tech equipment seen on reality television, still do manual work in a postindustrial world.	Incorrect	
Tattoos are still considered low class and tattoo artists would even be considered members of the <i>lumpenproletariat</i> .	Incorrect	

#### Question 6

**Type:**  
Multiple Choice

Which of the following is the most indicative of deproletarianization?

**Hint:**

**Feedback for all incorrect answers:**

Answer	Graded As	Feedback
the rising proportion of service sector occupations to manufacturing jobs	Correct	
when a company sends factory jobs overseas	Incorrect	
shrinking union membership	Incorrect	
the existence of postindustrial jobs	Incorrect	

**Question 7**

**Type:**  
Multiple Choice

In Erik Wright's analysis of class structure, an IT department person in charge of tracking and blocking employee access to websites might occupy which class location?

**Hint:**

**Feedback for all incorrect answers:**

Answer	Graded As	Feedback
a semiprofessional of the third class location	Correct	
a "capitalist" who exploits those below her	Correct	
the middle-class location	Incorrect	
the new bourgeois location	Incorrect	

**Question 8**

**Type:**  
Multiple Choice

Given Resnick and Wolff's Marxian class model, what is the relationship between Apple investors and the assembly line workers of Foxconn in China who make the iPhone?

**Hint:**

**Feedback for all incorrect answers:**

Answer	Graded As	Feedback
Investors are capitalist who appropriate surplus value.	Correct	
Investors receive the distributed surplus.	Incorrect	
None, because Apple Corporation receives the surplus value.	Incorrect	
Apple investors actually give their surplus value to Apple.	Incorrect	

**Question 9**

**Type:**  
Multiple Choice

Inequalities that arise from globalization, such as the successful penetration of a U.S. firm in China, suggests that which of the following has most likely happened?

**Hint:**

**Feedback for all incorrect answers:**

Answer	Graded As	Feedback
The U.S. firm has transferred its production or service industry to a Chinese supplier.	Correct	
The U.S. firm has reduced its domestic cost.	Incorrect	
White- and blue-collar workers can expect lower incomes.	Incorrect	
The U.S. firm is now allowed to market its products and/or services in China.	Incorrect	

**Question 10**

**Type:**  
Multiple Choice

Which of the following is counter evidence to the thought that the government is taking away from the rich more than from the poor, and that the official tax rates are higher for those in higher-income brackets?

**Hint:**

**Feedback for all incorrect answers:**

Answer	Graded As	Feedback
A large number of non-tax payers are unemployed elderly.	Correct	
Tax rates have increased for the highest income groups in recent years.	Incorrect	
Most of the wealth for the wealthy comes from accumulated income.	Incorrect	
The higher amount paid in taxes is out of proportion with their income.	Incorrect	

**Question 11**

**Type:**  
Multiple Choice

What factor of current income reveals a negative income trajectory that actually indicates the person is poorer than how others evaluate them?

**Hint:**

**Feedback for all incorrect answers:**

Answer	Graded As	Feedback
an inability to save money that compounds interest	Correct	
underreporting income to the IRS	Incorrect	
lack of investment income	Incorrect	
spending beyond their means	Incorrect	

**Question 12**

**Type:**  
Multiple Choice

Which of the following are examples of national income diverted into capital, which, in turn, weakens the middle class's aggregate income?

**Hint:**

**Feedback for all incorrect answers:**

Answer	Graded As	Feedback
stock dividends, workers' 401(k) plans, and the like	Correct	
CEO compensation	Incorrect	
issuing bonds	Incorrect	
market pressures	Incorrect	

**Question 13**

**Type:**  
Multiple Choice

Statistical information gathered from colonial and postcolonial records suggests inequality was prevalent. Why would it have been called the "era of the common man" then?

**Hint:**

**Feedback for all incorrect answers:**

Answer	Graded As	Feedback
An egalitarian nation was a romantic ideal but not a reality.	Correct	
Eighteenth-century propaganda to induce colonists to revolt against the British.	Incorrect	
The notion of a common "man" was only applicable to property owners such as the Founders.	Incorrect	
An earlier trend toward equality existed prior to 1776.	Incorrect	

**Question 14**

**Type:**  
Multiple Choice

Why is net worth a better way to measure the wealth of the very rich, who traditionally are guarded about their actual worth?

**Hint:**

**Feedback for all incorrect answers:**

Answer	Graded As	Feedback
Net worth includes anything that can converted to cash, including a home or homes.	Correct	
Net worth measures everything that can be immediately sold.	Incorrect	
Net worth includes all taxable assets.	Incorrect	
Net worth excludes debts, which cannot be used to measure wealth.	Incorrect	

**Question 15**

**Type:**  
Multiple Choice

What is meant by Americans having "a greater taste for inequality"?

**Hint:**

**Feedback for all  
incorrect answers:**

<b>Answer</b>	<b>Graded As</b>	<b>Feedback</b>
Americans tend to put greater faith in market capitalism to determine their income levels.	Correct	
Americans see government as not producing goods and services they need.	Incorrect	
Americans will tolerate inequality because it keeps people from seeking jobs outside of the economy.	Incorrect	
Other countries that have experimented with income equality have failed.	Incorrect	