

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