FILM ANALYSIS: GANGS OF NEW YORK

Your responses to the following ten objective questions must be entered on a scantron form:

1. If the immigrants depicted in the film were a product of financial pressures in the country of origin, which Sociological theory might best be used to explain the sociological processes depicted in the movie?
   a. Symbolic Interactionism
   b. Functionalism
   c. Conflict Theory

2. It is clear in the film’s use of images directly linking to the depiction of ethnicity and religion that many of the problems for the film’s central character, Amsterdam (DiCaprio), can best be analyzed using which Sociological theory?
   a. Conflict Theory
   b. Functionalism
   c. Symbolic Interactionism

3. Once of the great functions of prejudice is the exploitation of labor. Which sociological theory that can best be used to analyze the reasons behind the emergence of these prejudicial processes?
   a. Symbolic Interactionism
   b. Conflict Theory
   c. Functionalism

4. The connection of Amsterdam (DiCaprio) and his immigrant group to Roman Catholicism creates social conflict because of the clearly visible _______________ differences between them and the dominant group.
   a. functional
   b. economic
   c. symbolic
   d. gender
   e. racial

5. Within the film, as depicted in process of social dominance _______________ is/are depicted as identity markers that are powerfully important to social function and individual survival.
   a. religious affiliation
   b. ethnic origin
   c. gender
   d. all of the above
   e. none of the above
6. Which sociological theory best explains the film’s depiction of the ultimate purpose of government exercised power and authority?
   a. Functionalism
   b. Conflict Theory
   c. Symbolic Interactionism

7. There are no contemporary instances that parallel the film’s representations of processes of dominance based on race/ethnicity/religion in America today.
   a. True
   b. False

8. Differences in religious affiliation ceased to be a problem in American social structure over 100 years ago.
   a. True
   b. False

9. Due to advances in technology that allow easy and frequent exposure to visibly different social structures the sociological concept of the “stranger” has ceased to be important.
   a. True
   b. False

10. Immigration laws as enacted in the late 19\textsuperscript{th} and 20\textsuperscript{th} centuries have always been structured to assure equal immigration opportunity for all racial and ethnic groups.
    a. True
    b. False

(essay question appears on page 3)
ESSAY QUESTION

Your essay question response of 300-400 words must be prepared on a word processor, double spaced, utilizing a font of no larger than 12 pts and margins of no more than 1” at the top and bottom of each page and no more than 1.25” on the left and right margins:

Conflict between the resident dominant group and immigrant subordinate groups has been a long term problem that has played an important role in developing official policy regarding immigration processes.

First, choose a specifically identified sociological theory, and then, second, use appropriate sociological terminology and reference to respond to the following statement. Your response may be in support of the statement, or it may be in opposition to the statement, but it must be constructed using your selected theoretical perspective and appropriate sociological terminology:

The admission of immigrant groups into the United States of America should not be regulated.