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## 27.ASSESSMENT

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### Self-check Questions

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1. Which of the following terms refers to the hierarchical arrangement of social groups based on factors like wealth, power, and prestige?
    - a) Social differentiation
    - b) Social mobility
    - c) Social stratification
    - d) Social assimilation
  2. A system where social position is primarily determined by birth and is largely unchangeable is known as a:
    - a) Class system
    - b) Caste system
    - c) Meritocracy
    - d) Estate system
  3. Which of the following is considered an achieved status within a class system?
    - a) Gender
    - b) Caste
    - c) Educational attainment
    - d) Race
  4. Social inequality primarily refers to:
    - a) Differences in physical characteristics among individuals
    - b) Unequal distribution of resources, opportunities, and rewards within a society
    - c) Variations in cultural practices between groups
    - d) The process by which individuals learn societal norms
  5. The concept of "gender" as a dimension of social stratification highlights:
    - a) Biological differences between males and females



- b) Socially constructed roles, behaviors, and expectations associated with masculinity and femininity
  - c) Individual preferences in relationships
  - d) The division of labor within a household
6. Social differentiation always leads to social inequality.
7. In a purely meritocratic society, an individual's social position is solely determined by their efforts and abilities.
8. Ethnicity is purely a biological construct and has no social or cultural components.
9. The concept of "class" is primarily based on economic position and access to resources.
10. Social stratification is a universal phenomenon, present in all societies, although its forms may vary.

## Answers to Self-Check Questions

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- 1. c) Social stratification
- 2. b) Caste System
- 3. c) Educational attainment
- 4. b) Unequal distribution of resources, opportunities, and rewards within a society
- 5. b) Socially constructed roles, behaviors, and expectations associated with masculinity and femininity
- 6. False
- 7. True
- 8. False
- 9. True
- 10. True

## Short Answer Questions

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- Q1. Briefly distinguish between social differentiation and social stratification.



Q2. Explain how "power" acts as a dimension of social stratification.

Q3. How does the concept of "intersectionality" help us understand social inequality?

### Long Answer Questions

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Q1. Discuss the caste system and the class system as two distinct forms of social stratification. Compare and contrast their key characteristics, particularly in terms of social mobility, basis of status, and societal implications.

Q2. Analyze how gender and ethnicity function as crucial dimensions of social stratification. Provide examples of how individuals' life chances and opportunities are shaped by their gender and ethnic identity in various societies.