Chapter 3 Theories and Methods

Topic 5 Functionalism

Answers to QuickCheck Questions on page 207

- 1. A manifest function is an intended function; latent an unintended one.
- 2. Individuals are seen as puppets of the system, with no ability to interpret and act for themselves.
- 3. Conservative.
- 4. Societies change gradually, through a process of structural differentiation and through a process of dynamic (or moving) equilibrium.
- 5. Where society is compared to a body or organism, with different parts carrying out different functions.
- 6. Adaptation, goal attainment, integration, latency.
- 7. a) Family, workplace, church; b) police, prison, school. (Note: the same institution may often act as both.)

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