

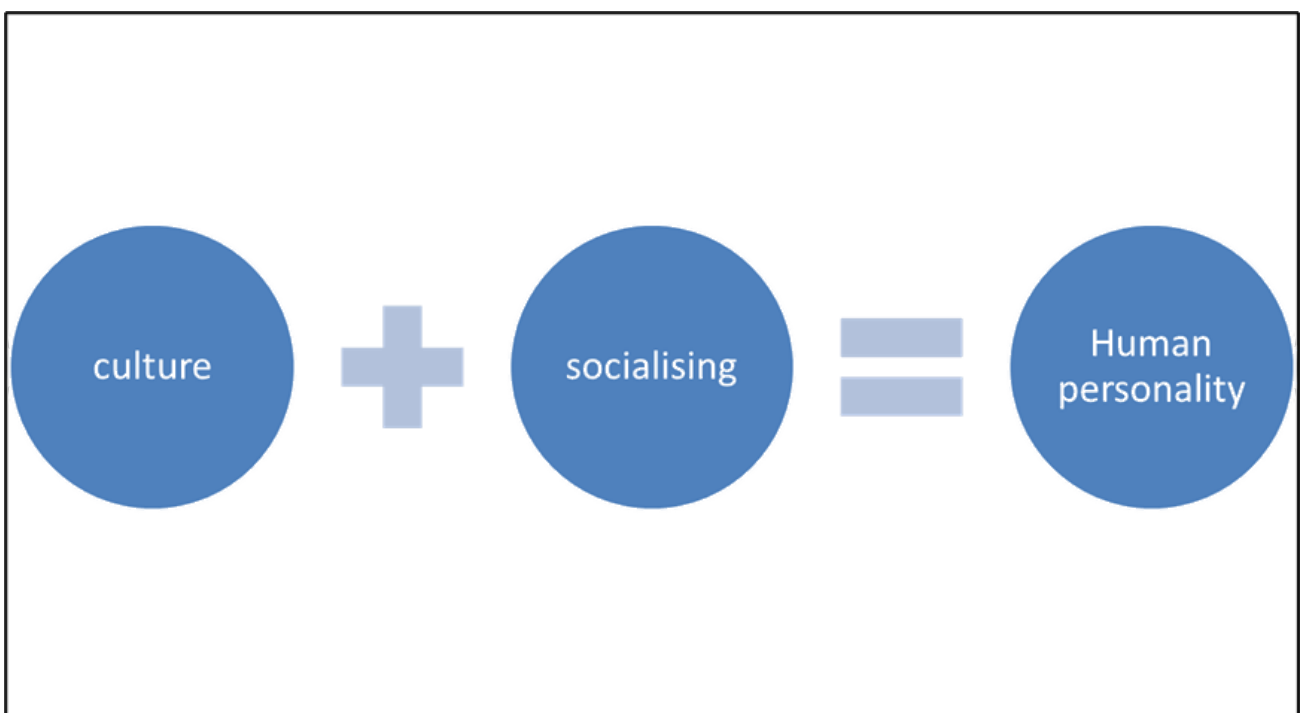
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Sociological Concepts: Socialization, Introduction, Concept and Agents

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Introduction

- There are certain ways by which a society trains the newborn individuals/members
- Helps them develop their own personality
- This social training is known as socialization
- The ways of training are determined by the culture of the society and it varies with societies
- It also has different effects on the personality of the members of the society
- There is a synthesis of culture and socialization in the human personality.
- According to Ogburn, "Socialization is the process by which the individual learns to conform to the norms of the group."



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Concept

- Individuals are molded into the society and learn the ways of acting, thinking and feeling according to the society
- This process of shaping the personality of individuals is called as socialization
- It is the process where an individual becomes a functioning member of the society and learns the rules.
- The individuals share a common culture and ways of living.
- This is passed on to the next generation
- Therefore, we can say that man is a social and a cultural being
- Socialization can also be termed as transmission of culture where men learn the rules of social groups and pass it on to the next generation
- For example, doing something and learning by our mistakes ... the mistakes are corrected by the society and this is how socialization takes place

Agents of Socialization

- Family, parents
- school, teachers
- Peers, friends
- Mass media

Process

- Socialization is a continuous process where the individual keep trying to adjust to the social conditions around him
- When the individuals conform to the norms rules of the group, they also maintain social order in the society
- Therefore, we can say that socialization transforms humans into social beings
- Socialization is social learning which is continuous in nature i.e.. It continues throughout the life
- With different roles that we acquire during the lifetime, the patterns of behaviours change and individuals adapt to it
- According to GH Mead, self is purely social in nature. socialization helps in the development of the self by internalizing the norms which become a part of our personality by the method of trial and error.

Types

Primary Socialization

- Primary socialization is the basic socialization taking place in the early years of life of the newborn or infant
- It includes teaching of language, internalization of norms, values and establishing emotional ties, gaining perspective, etc.
- Anticipatory Socialization Anticipatory socialization is when individuals learn the culture of other groups and they want to belong to.
- So, they socialize themselves in a way to become a part of the group
- The individual learns the culture, manners, way of living etc. of the group that he aspires to become a part of.

Developmental Socialization

- Developmental socialization is when new learning is added to the old and it becomes a continuous process of development
- It varies with the change in roles to keep up with the new roles and obligations
- E. g. New job

Resocialization

- Resocialization is when individuals change membership of groups and the learned patterns are substituted with the new ones
- It takes place when a social role is changed radically
- **Note: Adult socialization: Learn during adulthood to prepare for coming responsibilities.**

MCQs

1. In an Indian family the parents prepare their daughters to be a good wife/daughter in her in-laws' home, this is an example of:

1. Socialization
2. Anticipatory socialization
3. Re-socialization
4. Adult socialization

Ans. D

2. Which are the agencies of primary socialization?

1. Family
2. Peer group
3. School
4. Jail

Ans. A, B and C

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