

Social Structure**Guided Reading****Section 1****READING THE SECTION**

DIRECTIONS Read each description below. In the space provided, write the letter of the term that matches each description.

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| _____ 1. the different roles attached to a single status | a. role |
| _____ 2. the behavior expected of someone occupying a particular status | b. role conflict |
| _____ 3. when a person has difficulty meeting the role expectations of a single status | c. role exit |
| _____ 4. the process people go through to detach from a role | d. role set |
| _____ 5. when fulfilling the role expectations of one status makes it difficult to fulfill the role expectations of another status | e. role strain |

DIRECTIONS Read each of the following descriptions and write who or what is “speaking” in the space provided.

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| _____ 6. “I am acquired through a person’s own direct efforts.” |
| _____ 7. “I am assigned according to qualities beyond a person’s control.” |
| _____ 8. “I am a socially defined position in a group or in society.” |
| _____ 9. “I take rank above all others of my type.” |

DIRECTIONS In your own words, write a definition of each term.

10. social structure: _____

11. social institution: _____

POST-READING QUICK CHECK

DIRECTIONS Read each sentence and fill in the blank with the correct word or phrase.

12. Being a student, a daughter, a sister, an African American, and a member of a sports team are all examples of _____. (**roles/statuses**)
13. Each of us, because we hold more than one status, must deal with many _____ in our daily lives. (**master statuses/role sets**)
14. When statuses and their related roles are organized to satisfy one or more of the basic needs of society, the group is called a _____.
(**social institution/social structure**)
15. _____ are based on an individual's abilities, efforts, or accomplishments. (**achieved statuses/ascribed statuses**)
16. An employee and a parent needing both to go to work and to take care of a sick child is experiencing _____. (**role conflict/role strain**)

DIRECTIONS Answer the questions on the lines provided.

17. What would you consider to be your master status? What is the role set of that status?

18. What is one social institution? What purpose does the institution serve in society?
