

Three Lenses, One Fact

Sociology

The same institution read functionally, critically and interactionally.

None of these is the answer; each is a question you can test.

Fact	Functionalist	Conflict
Exams	Sort talent to roles	Legitimate advantage
Family	Socialise the young	Reproduce unpaid labour
Prison	Reinforce shared norms	Manage a surplus class
Religion	Integrate the group	Console and pacify
Media	Circulate common values	Set the agenda

The interactionist reading is a third column throughout: how is 'able pupil' or 'offender' produced in the encounter itself?