

### **NMAT Social Know** Science Practice Questions

**Directions:** Choose the letter that corresponds to the correct answer.

- 1. An advantage of group therapy over individual therapy is that group therapy
- A. requires less commitment from the client
- B. achieves results more quickly
- C. produces a significantly higher recovery rate
- D. enables clients to realize that their problems are not unique

2. A family unit that is composed of relatives in addition to parents and children who live in the same household is

- A. a disjointed kinship
- B. an extended family
- C. a nuclear family
- D. a conjugal family

3. At birth, male and female infants are distinguished by the genitalia used in the reproductive process, which are referred to as

- A. gonads and fallopian tubes
- B. primary sex characteristics
- C. secondary sex characteristics
- D. biological tendencies

4. A negative attitude based on faulty generalizations about members of selected racial, ethnic, or other groups is referred to as

A. redlining

B. discrimination



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- C. prejudice
- D. racism

5. Sam, an American, assumes that the American culture and way of life are the norm and superior to all others. This is an example of

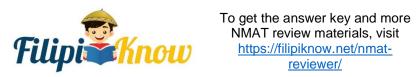
- A. culture shock
- B. stereotyping
- C. ethnocentrism
- D. endogamy

6. What is Charles Horton Cooley's term for the way in which a person's sense of self is derived from the perceptions of others?

- A. Development of personality
- B. The "looking-glass" self
- C. The "I" and the "me"
- D. The human psyche

7. According to sociologist C. Wright Mills, the ability to see the relationship between individual experiences and the larger society is referred to as

- A. the conflict perspective
- B. symbolic interaction
- C. reality perception
- D. the sociological imagination
- 8. According to Max Weber, individual power depends on a person's position within
- A. primary groups





- B. bureaucracies
- C. family structures
- D. kinship networks

9. Karl Marx's term for government, schools, churches, and all other social institutions that produce and disseminate ideas that perpetuate the existing system of exploitation is society's

- A. substructure
- B. superstructure
- C. ecostructure
- D. basic structure
- 10. Which of the following categories of people has the highest net worth overall?
- A. Divorced persons
- B. Separated persons
- C. Single persons
- D. Married persons

11. Richard can give you a step-by-step account of the game last Friday. He can describe the various plays and the players' reactions. Richard has a good

- A. episodic memory
- B. procedural memory
- C. semantic memory
- D. athletic memory
- 12. Movements seeking to bring about a total change in society are referred to as



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- A. revolutionary
- B. reform
- C. religious
- D. alternative

#### 13. According to Karl Marx, which of the following statements about capitalists is NOT true?

- A. They own the means of production.
- B. They control the means of production.
- C. They exploit the workers.
- D. They are vulnerable to displacement by machines or cheap labor.

14. The statement "The greater the degree of social harm, the more the offender should be *punished*" reflects the principle of

- A. retribution
- B. social protection
- C. rehabilitation
- D. deterrence

15. The hierarchical arrangement of large social groups based on their control over basic resources is

- A. social distinction
- B. invidious distinctiveness
- C. social stratification
- D. social layering



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- 16. The area of the brain stem that is important in controlling breathing is the
- A. suprachiasmatic nucleus
- B. cerebellum
- C. limbic system
- D. medulla

17. The subfield of sociology that examines social relationships and political and economic structures in the city is

- A. urban planning
- B. zoning
- C. urban sociology
- D. urban psychology

18. Which of the following system produces, circulates, and regulates levels of hormones in the body?

- A. Circulatory System
- B. Endocrine System
- C. Limbic System
- D. Sympathetic Nervous System

19. According to Robert Merton's strain theory, what occurs when people accept society's goals but adopt disapproved means for achieving them?

- A. Conformity
- **B.** Innovation
- C. Rebellion
- D. Ritualism



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20. Belief in a single supreme being or God who is responsible for significant events such as the creation of the world is

- A. transcendent idealism
- B. monotheism
- C. polytheism
- D. unit theism

21. The process by which a person mentally assumes the role of another person in order to understand the world from that person's point of view is referred to as

- A. generalized others
- B. role-taking
- C. significant others
- D. self-concept
- 22. Who are the working poor?

A. People who live from just above to just below the poverty line

B. Seldom-employed individuals who are caught in long-term deprivation because of low education, low employability, low income, and low self-esteem

C. Skilled and semi-skilled machine operators who work in factories and elsewhere

D. Those who live on the margins of society, are frequently homeless, and have little hope for the future

23. A continuous concentration of two or more cities and their suburbs that have grown until they form an interconnected urban area is a

A. megalopolis

B. central metropolitan area



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- C. census district
- D. suburban complex

24. The study of the causes and distribution of health, disease, and impairment throughout a population is

- A. social epidemiology
- B. social welfare
- C. social engineering
- D. social biology

25. A person with obsessive-compulsive disorder is best described as an individual who experiences

- A. memory loss
- B. intense mood swings
- C. persistent anxiety-provoking thoughts
- D. physical symptoms with no known cause



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