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Chapter 01: Making Family Choices in a Changing Society

1. Which of the following is NOT listed by the text as a major family function?
   a. Raising children responsibly
   b. Meeting sexual desires
   c. Providing members with economic and other practical support
   d. Offering emotional security

ANSWER: b

2. As families have become less traditional, the legal definition of a family has
   a. remained the same.
   b. become more rigid.
   c. narrowed to include only married couples and children.
   d. become much more flexible.

ANSWER: d

3. The definition of *family* adopted by the authors of this text includes those who do all of the following EXCEPT
   a. form an economic unit and care for any young.
   b. consider their identity to be significantly attached to the group.
   c. have the same name and background.
   d. commit to maintaining that group over time.

ANSWER: c

4. Those with a family-change perspective view the family as _____.
   a. declining rapidly b. an adaptable institution
   c. a rigid institution d. slowly and steadily getting worse

ANSWER: b

5. Which of the following is attributed to the United States by family-change scholars?
   a. Patriotism as a source of family pride
   b. Declining values in family matters
   c. Inadequate support for families
   d. Rigid traditional ideas of family

ANSWER: c

6. Family _____ theorists posit that today's family forms need to be seen as historically expected adjustments to changing conditions.
   a. decline b. social
   c. change d. marriage

ANSWER: c

7. The text reports that _____ percent of first marriages were preceded by cohabitation.
   a. less than 10 b. about 15
   c. 25 d. more than 50

ANSWER: d

8. Particularly among college-educated women, parenthood is _____.

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a. not an option b. postponed
c. embraced early in life d. doubled

ANSWER: b

9. Today, only about _____ percent of American households fit the 1950s nuclear family ideal of a married couple with children, where only the husband is employed.
a. 5 b. 10
c. 25 d. 33

ANSWER: a

10. The child population of the United States is _____ racially and ethnically diverse than the adult population.
a. equally b. more
c. less d. far less

ANSWER: b

11. What is the impact of communication technologies like e-mail, Skype, and GPS on families?
a. Technologies force themselves on families.
b. The impact is unknown at this time.
c. Communication technologies change the way families interact.
d. Technology increases the amount of face-to-face time together.

ANSWER: c

12. Which of the following is a path young adults took in response to the recession?
a. Dropped out of school
b. Opted to have children sooner
c. Held out for a higher salary
d. Postponed marriage

ANSWER: d

13. People are influenced by the society around them. Societal or structural conditions can negatively limit or positively_____ our options.
a. dismiss b. expand
c. destroy d. belittle

ANSWER: b

14. The text concludes that the best way to make decisions about our personal lives is to make them_____.
a. by default b. knowledgeably
c. unconsciously d. by following the path of least resistance

ANSWER: b

15. Deciding about, rather than sliding into, a situation involves looking at the alternatives, not just picking the _____ choice.
a. acceptable
b. easiest
c. basic
d. difficult

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ANSWER: b

16. Which of the following is NOT one of the steps involved with making knowledgeable choices?
    a. Try to avoid making a decision if possible.
    b. Recognize the social pressures that may influence personal choices.
    c. Consider the consequences of each alternative.
    d. Attempt to clarify your own values.

ANSWER: a

17. If you wanted to make a knowledgeable decision about choosing which class to take,_____.
    a. take the first class that is open and will fit your schedule
    b. find out what your friends are taking, and do the same
    c. wait until the last possible minute, and then let your advisor find a class
    d. look through the catalog at all the possibilities, consider what will benefit you in the future, and register early to get the class you consider best

ANSWER: d

18. What factor may cause a father to make choices about his family by sliding into a decision?
    a. Careful consideration of family needs and personal time
    b. Strong day-to-day pressures on the job cutting into time at home
    c. Remembering how important his wife and children are to him and acting on it
    d. Ignoring the phone, television, and computer in order to talk at the dinner table

ANSWER: b

19. Parents, siblings, and other relatives are usually highly influential in developing a child's _____, or that child's sense of worth and value.
    a. self-concept b. genetic code
    c. nickname d. temperament

ANSWER: a

20. _____ is made up of the ideas and feelings about the uniqueness and value of one's family unit, which often emerges in family traditions, rituals and celebrations.
    a. Individualism b. A knowledgeable decision
    c. Family identity d. DNA pool

ANSWER: c

21. Life in American families reflects a tension in American culture between family solidarity and_____.
    a. individual freedom b. the prenuptial contract
    c. divorce d. childlessness

ANSWER: a

22. Family togetherness, stability, and loyalty are all examples of_____.
    a. proscriptive norms b. familistic (communal) values
    c. self-fulfillment values d. outdated norms

ANSWER: b

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23. The text points out that the social institutions of marriage and the family have become _____ since the mid-twentieth century.

a. more predictable b. more functional

c. less predictable d. less functional

ANSWER: c

24. Which of the following reflects the relationship between personal decision making and society?

a. Personal decisions are impacted by, but also influence, society.

b. Society impacts personal decisions, but rarely do our decisions impact society.

c. One has no real impact on the other.

d. The relationship is too difficult to study.

ANSWER: a

25. We live in a society characterized by _____ change, including increased ethnic, economic, and family diversity.

a. little b. slight

c. considerable d. negligible

ANSWER: c

26. Functional definitions of the family refer to what the family *is*, while structural definitions emphasize what the family *does*.

a. True

b. False

ANSWER: False

27. The most common household type today is that of married couples *without* children.

a. True

b. False

ANSWER: True

28. Single-person households now represent around a quarter of American households.

a. True

b. False

ANSWER: True

29. According to the text, family life is far more complex and difficult than the traditional image commonly portrayed.

a. True

b. False

ANSWER: True

30. Only 50 percent of Americans approve of black–white marriages.

a. True

b. False

ANSWER: False

31. The more common infertility interventions involve prescription drugs and microscopic surgical procedures to repair a female's fallopian tubes or a male's sperm ducts.

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a. True
b. False
ANSWER: True

32. Some of our choices are not conscious, and we slide into them.
a. True
b. False
ANSWER: True

33. According to the text, you should never listen to the emotional dimension of decision making, sometimes called the gutfactor.
a. True
b. False
ANSWER: False

34. Life in American families reflects a cultural tension between solidarity and individual freedom.
a. True
b. False
ANSWER: True

35. Research shows that parents, siblings, and other relatives influence a child's self-concept, having a profound influence on personal identity.
a. True
b. False
ANSWER: True

36. Write an essay in which you compare *nuclear family and the postmodern family.* How might each of these impact children?
ANSWER: Will vary

37. Using the text's discussion as a guide, address the question, "Is the family *declining* or is the family *changing*?
ANSWER: Will vary

38. Suppose you were faced with a decision about an unplanned pregnancy. Explain the process you would use to *choose knowledgeably*. Include in your discussion the major components of knowledgeable decision making.
ANSWER: Will vary

39. What is family identity? Using your own family, or one with which you are familiar, provide several examples of this phenomenon.
ANSWER: Will vary

40. What is the difference between *individualistic* and *familistic values*? Provide an illustration of each.
ANSWER: Will vary

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