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Chapter 2: Cultures in America

1. How do sociologists define culture?

a. comprised of learned behavior and beliefs in all aspects of human life.
b. composed of elements which stand for something else and are social in nature because they facilitate shared understanding.
c. application of knowledge, techniques, and tools to adapt and control physical environments and material resources to satisfy wants and needs.
d. Policies and practices that appear neutral and supported by law.

Correct Answer: A

2. Ethnocentrism can be best described as:

a. This refers to understanding a cultural reference in the context of that culture.
b. composed of elements which stand for something else and are social in nature because they facilitate shared understanding.
c. Describes the tendency of a group to judge other groups by its standards.
d. The extent to which a group incorporates the practices of a culture they have entered.

Correct Answer: C

3. What is true about folkways?

a. They are codified by the government.
b. Behaviors that are so serious; they are not challenged in the context of society.
c. Behaviors that vary in cultures and societies.
d. Behaviors are so habitual that most people do not even think about them but perform them almost mindlessly.

Correct Answer: D

4. What is true about Laws?

a. Reflect the norms and practices of each society.
b. Codified by the government.
c. Violations of the law can be handled by formal sanctions.
d. All the above.

Correct Answer: D

5. Sociologist Erving Goffman coined the term Stigma. Which of the following is true?

a. Stigmas carry a negative label on a person, group, or social institution.
b. Stigmas are false, unclear, and is constructed by the individual.

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c. Stigmas are constructed by various social groups.
d. Stigmas are punishable by law enforcement.

Correct Answer: A

6. Black for funerals to show respect and mourning; is which of the following?

a. Taboo
b. Folkways
c. Norm
d. Stigma

Correct Answer: C

7. Cultural Assimilation is a concept that many sociologists study. What is a major issue that many immigrants deal with; when introduced to a new society and culture?

a. Striking a balance to remain true to their culture; while embracing U.S. culture.
b. Cultural Assimilation pushes the importance of culture upon varying groups of people.
c. This group can be described as white, male, affluent, and Anglo-Saxon Protestant.
d. Creates an association between the dominant group and the label of "American."

Correct Answer: A

8. Law enforcement officers, hippies, bikers, and the Amish are examples of a:

a. Counterculture,
b. Subculture.
c. Sect.
d. Cult.

Correct Answer: B

9. Language, Religion, Food, Clothes, Rituals, and views of healthcare all makeup:

a. Subculture.
b. Social Institutions.
c. Culture.
d. Socialization.

Correct Answer: C

10. Which of the following is true about norms?

a. Are formed by a mutual consensus of the community.
b. Have serious consequences if broken.

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c. Rules and regulations in which society lives by.
d. Codified by the government.

Correct Answer: C

11. Stigmas can be real or imagined.

a. True
b. False

Correct Answer: A

12. American core values (American dream, economic opportunity, and material comfort) are closely associated with popular culture.

a. True
b. False

Correct Answer: B

13. Sociologists hold that non-dominant groups are marginalized in society and hold less power than their dominant counterparts.

a. True
b. False

Correct Answer: A

14. Hegemony asserts cultural standards of the dominant group as “universal” and “correct.”

a. True
b. False

Correct Answer: A

15. Post Modernism claims that all individuals perceive a cultural reality the same way as Americans.

a. True
b. False

Correct Answer: B

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