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Chapter 2 TEST BANK

1. History demonstrates that at different times and in different cultures, people/groups who behave 'differently' have been described variously as, for example: bad, eccentric, dangerous, holy, sick, brilliant, crazy.

*a. True
b. False

2. The term "divine madness" (indicating that the individual's unusual behavior is blessed by God and is an expression of godly love or religious ecstasy) is found in which of the following diverse religions: (*choose all that apply*):

*A. Christianity
*B. Buddhism
*C. Sufism
*D. Hinduism
*E. Shamanism

3. Saints often exhibited behavior that if observed today might result in a diagnosis of mental illness.

*a. True
b. False

4. One of the earliest individuals to describe and identify cures for mental illness, noting that there were no demons or gods that caused mental disorders, rather that they were due to brain pathology, was:

A. Galen
B. Plato
C. Freud
D. Aristotle
*E. Hippocrates
F. Sophocles

5. The early Greeks attributed a specialized form of mental illness to women. It was held to be caused by a "wandering womb". It was called:

A. Hallucination
B. Dementia
C. Demonic-Possession
*D. Hysteria
E. Tearfulness

6. In medieval Europe, the ability to resolve insanity focused on which of the following to heal and stop visions, voices and incantations in the "mad": (*choose all that apply*)

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*A. relics
B. holy-water
*C. saints
D. torture
E. freezing-water-baths

7. During the Renaissance, the general belief that insanity was a result of demonic ingestion and exposure, and therefore contagious, like the Black Plague, led to the decision to protect communities by promulgating: (*choose all that apply*)

A. poor-houses
B. prisons
*C. hospitals
*D. asylums
E. jails

8. The rise of Capitalism in the late 18th century increased the reliance on institutional care in the United States and England.

*a. True
b. False

9. In the 'Age of Reason', the mentally disordered were locked away often with the aged, criminal, prostitutes and beggars, since 'madness' was regarded as another type of social immorality.

*a. True
b. False

10. The first American state mental hospital for 'lunatics' was open before the American Revolution in:

A. Pennsylvania
B. Vermont
C. New York
D. Massachusetts
*E. Virginia

11. The American reform movement led by the activist Dorothea Dix, which led to a somewhat more humane treatment regimen for the mentally ill, occurred during:

A. late 1700's
B. early 1800s
*C. late 1800's
D. early 1900's

12. By the mid-1960s in the U.S., many severely mentally ill people had been moved from psychiatric institutions to local mental health homes or similar facilities. The number of institutionalized mentally ill patients fell from its peak of 560,00 in the 1950s to:

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A. 430,000
B. 330,000
C. 230,000
*D. 130,000
E. 30,000

13. Attitudes towards the mentally ill continue to change.

*a. True
b. False

14. During the second half of the twentieth-century, asylums were dismantled and the harmless mentally ill again were left to wander the streets and in the community while those who were disturbed or disturbing were again restrained, but not in hospitals and asylums, but in prisons and jails.

*a. True
b. False

15. Some of the treatments used in treating mental illness in the past have included: (choose all that apply):

*A. bloodletting
*B. oven head warming
*C. inhalation of noxious odors
*D. trepanation
*E. lobotomies

16. The “Salem Witch Trials” resulted in the deaths of how many individuals?

A. 5
*B. 25
C. 50
D. 80
E. 145

17. In some cultures, “honor killings”, which are essentially homicides dictated by the murderer’s religious mandates, do not have a judicial or penal consequence.

*a. True
b. False

18. The term “Bedlam” was coined after the establishment of a large mental hospital in:

A. France
B. United States
*C. England

D. Switzerland
E. Netherlands

19. Scholars believe that the unconventional behavior of some of the "Salem Witches" generated popular acceptance that they were: (choose all that apply)

A. mentally ill
B. diseased
C. hysterical
*D. possessed

20. The belief that mental illness was caused by the gravitational pull of the moon, popularized by the physician Franz Mesmer, specified that episodic bouts of depression and schizophrenia rose and fell with the movement of the ocean tides and bodily fluids.

*a. True
b. False

ESSAY QUESTION AND ANSWER

Type: E
1. If someone commits a criminal act and claims that it was done at the direction of "voices in my head", what do you believe should be done by the criminal-justice system.

a. The first issue which needs addressing is whether the criminal act is a violent one or in any other way presents an immediate danger or risk to the safety of the community and whether the perpetrator needs to be held in a confined environment. Then, the person should be evaluated by a mental health professional experienced in dealing with the criminal justice system, to determine several issues: are they malingering; prior mental health issues; are the "voices" constant, intermittent, or episodic; risk of violent behavior; is the condition treatable; are treatment resources available. After evaluation, the case must be presented to the court for adjudication and the decision made as to disposition.

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