

## Chapter 2      Death and Dying in a Rapidly Changing World

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### Test Questions

#### Part I. Multiple Choice Questions

Select the response that best answers the following questions.

1) Today more than half of Americans die \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) at home
- B) from cancer
- C) in a hospital
- D) with family

*Answer: C      Page Ref: 25*

2) Over time the number of people who die in an institutional setting has \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) increased
- B) decreased
- C) stayed the same
- D) declined then increased

*Answer: A      Page Ref: 24*

3) In agricultural societies it is common for families to live with \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) only the nuclear family members
- B) extended family members
- C) pets
- D) nursing aids

*Answer: B      Page Ref: 25*

4) The rise of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ have contributed to more deaths occurring at hospitals than at home.

- A) modern medicine, the extended family
- B) the extended family, the nuclear family
- C) modern medicine, agriculture
- D) the nuclear family, modern medicine

*Answer: D      Page Ref: 25*

5) What was the world's first antibiotic drug released in 1935?

- A) sulfa
- B) lactose
- C) aspirin

D) antihistamine

*Answer: A     Page Ref: 26*

6) With the rise of modern medicine life expectancy has \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) increased
- B) decreased
- C) stayed the same
- D) increased and then decreased

*Answer: A     Page Ref: 26-27*

7) Life expectancy varies by gender and \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) home ownership
- B) education
- C) race
- D) family structure

*Answer: C     Page Ref: 26*

8) Sarah lives in a home with her mother, father, and little brother. What type of family is Sarah's family?

- A) extended
- B) nuclear
- C) blended
- D) adoptive

*Answer: B     Page Ref: 25*

9) The perception of tame death was prevalent in which historical time period?

- A) early middle ages
- B) the Renaissance
- C) the Enlightenment
- D) the 20<sup>th</sup> century

*Answer: A     Page Ref: 28-29*

10) In the \_\_\_\_\_ perspective, death itself becomes invisible in day-to-day life.

- A) remote and imminent death
- B) tame death
- C) death of the other
- D) invisible death

*Answer: D     Page Ref: 28-29*

11) Death is considered a family affair in the \_\_\_\_\_ perspective of death.

- A) death of the other
- B) invisible death
- C) tame death
- D) death of self

*Answer: A      Page Ref: 28-29*

12) What is the most widely accepted approach to health care in Western medicine?

- A) the agricultural model
- B) comprehensive care
- C) the biomedical model
- D) familial practice

*Answer: C      Page Ref: 30*

13) \_\_\_\_\_ can be described in three eras.

- A) Medicine
- B) Industrialization
- C) Agriculture
- D) Death

*Answer: B      Page Ref: 33*

14) Durkheim described the sense of confusion and normlessness caused by rapid social change as \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) selfless death
- B) biomedicine
- C) modernization
- D) anomie

*Answer: D      Page Ref: 33-34*

15) Today we live in a \_\_\_\_\_ world.

- A) modern
- B) postmodern
- C) premodern
- D) death-blind

*Answer: B      Page Ref: 34*

16) A natural human reaction to rapid social change is \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) future shock
- B) modernism
- C) capitalism
- D) tame death

*Answer: A     Page Ref: 35*

- 17) What is one emphasis of the hospice movement?
- A) the patient's right to make decisions about care
  - B) the doctor's prerogative to make decisions about care
  - C) the positive aspects of the medicalization of death
  - D) the role of the extended family in death planning

*Answer: A     Page Ref: 36*

- 18) Various professionals in the healthcare and death systems are \_\_\_\_\_ differently.
- A) culturally
  - B) acculturated
  - C) socialized
  - D) modernized

*Answer: C     Page Ref: 38-39*

- 19) Central to the biomedical model of medicine is \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) the nuclear family
  - B) research
  - C) the extended family
  - D) death

*Answer: B     Page Ref: 40*

- 20) The scientific principle of \_\_\_\_\_ makes the study of health issues related to death in the real world difficult.
- A) isolation
  - B) technology
  - C) interdependence
  - D) hypotheses

*Answer: A     Page Ref: 40*

- 21) One of the primary goals of this program is to enhance physician competency in end-of-life care.
- A) AARP
  - B) ADDA
  - C) ASA
  - D) EPEC

*Answer: D     Page Ref: 41*

- 22) In the tame death perspective, death is a \_\_\_\_\_ event.
- A) family

- B) private
- C) community
- D) taboo

*Answer: C      Page Ref: 27-29*

23) What 1910 report facilitated the widespread adoption of modern science and research in medicine?

- A) The Flexner Report
- B) The Pasture Report
- C) The Medicalization Report
- D) The EPEC Report

*Answer: A      Page Ref: 29-30*

24) \_\_\_\_\_ is the process by which a society uses science and technology to extract raw materials and convert them to finished products.

- A) Agriculturalization
- B) Industrialization
- C) Premodernization
- D) Medicalization

*Answer: B      Page Ref: 32-33*

25) A central concept to understanding anomie is \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) alienation
- B) biomedicine
- C) hospice
- D) science

*Answer: A      Page Ref: 33-34*

## **Part II. Essay Questions**

Answer the following questions in your own words.

- 1) Using a scientific example, explain the role capitalism plays in the contemporary healthcare industry.
- 2) Discuss the role of culture in the historical perspectives of death in Western society. Specifically discuss what aspects of the culture around death and dying have changed over time.
- 3) Using specific examples, explain how technology has changed the way our postmodern society perceives and deals with healthcare and death.

4) Given what you've learned in the chapter about modernization and medicalization, discuss the changing role of religion in the process of death and dying. In what ways do religion and the biomedical model of medicine conflict and complement each other?

5) Discuss the relationships between societal modernization, family structure, and the medicalization of death. Specifically, how have institutional changes altered cultural norms regarding the death and dying experience?