

Test Bank for Principles of Epidemiology for Advanced Nursing Practice 1st Zeni

Chapter 1: Overview of Epidemiology: Concepts and History

Multiple Choice

1. In the field of epidemiology, which factor is used to analyze the distribution of a health related event, state, or process?

- a. Climate
- b. Seasons
- c. Economics
- d. Populations

<Answer: d>

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<Ahead: Origin and Definitions>

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<Complexity: Easy>

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2. Determinants are the numerous factors that influence health. Which option is considered to be a determinant?

- a. Time and place
- b. Health related behaviors
- c. Type of population exposed
- d. Previous exposure to the disease

<Answer: b>

<Rationale: Determinants are the numerous factors that influence health, such as the geophysical, biological, behavioral, social, cultural, economic, and political factors. Health related behaviors are a determinant to diseases.>

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- a. Endemic
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<Answer: c>

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<Ahead: Scope of Epidemiology>

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4. Epidemiology offers a systematic approach to study the distribution and determinants of various health-related events in order to improve the health of a population. In which additional setting is epidemiology applicable?

- a. Clinical
- b. Educational
- c. Political
- d. Psychological

<Answer: a>

<Rationale: Epidemiology is also applicable in clinical arenas. Clinical epidemiology focuses on patients and the application of epidemiologic methods to ascertain the efficacy of screening tests, diagnoses, and treatments in clinical settings.>

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- a. The age of stagnating pandemics
- b. The age of environmental disease
- c. The age of physical deterioration
- d. The age of pestilence and famine

<Answer: d>

<Rationale: Omran outlines 3 major stages identified in Proposition Two: 1. The Age of Pestilence and Famine, 2. The Age of Receding Pandemics, and 3. The Age of Degenerative and Man-Made Diseases.>

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True/False

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6. Socrates is credited with first using the term “epidemic” in relation to diseases that could occur to people within a country.

- a. True
- b. False

<Answer: False>

<Rationale: Hippocrates is credited with first using the term epidemic approximately 2,500 years ago. The term is derived from two Greek words: *epi* (upon) and *demos* (people).>

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7. Population growth is consistent when a population experiences deaths due to perennial epidemics, plagues, famines, and wars because fertility tends to remain high.

- a. True
- b. False

<Answer: False>

<Rationale: According to Omran, population growth is diminished when a population experiences deaths due to perennial epidemics, plagues, famines, and wars even if fertility is persistently high.>

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<Answer: active; passive>

<Rationale: Active primary prevention requires an individual change in a person’s behavior, while passive primary prevention does not require a behavior change by an individual, but can reflect more of a structural change. An active primary prevention example is smoking cessation. A passive primary prevention example is adding fluoride to drinking water.>

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1. How does using the information from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and World Health Organization (WHO) assist in current epidemiological work?

- A. Both the CDC and WHO provide current health information on populations.
- B. The CDC and WHO provide information about unknown disease in the United States.
- C. The CDC and WHO provide current treatment procedures for conditions.
- D. Both the CDC and WHO provide health information on individuals.

Answer: A

Complexity: Easy

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2. Which is the best definition of epidemiology?

- A. The monitoring of health conditions in specific populations.
- B. The development of health care for population groups.
- C. The study of various health-related outcomes in a population.
- D. The assessment of risk factors in identified populations.

Answer: C

Complexity: Moderate

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3. A nurse is reviewing information about influenza rates in the population. The rates are at a level the nurse would expect to see for the time of year. Which term would be used to describe this finding?

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- B. Pandemic
- C. Epidemic
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Answer: A

Complexity: Easy

Ahead: Scope of Epidemiology

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4. The local health department issues warnings to residents of a community that a disease is expected to reach pandemic levels. Which piece of information would this warning most likely include?

- A. The disease will likely be limited to a couple of families in sporadic areas.
- B. The disease will remain localized to a few people in the community.
- C. The disease mentioned will affect more people than expected.
- D. The disease mentioned will affect people in large areas and cross international borders.

Answer: D

Complexity: Easy

Ahead: Scope of Epidemiology

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5. Why is the trend data available from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) important in determining if outcomes are met in public health?

- A. Trend data shows what populations are impacted by conditions.
- B. Trend data can be used to determine if interventions are successful.
- C. Trend data can be used to provide education for population groups.
- D. Trend data identifies differences between a population's adults and children.

Answer: B

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True/False

6. Primary prevention includes both active and passive aspects of prevention.

Answer: True

Complexity: Easy

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7. Secondary prevention includes the use of a multidisciplinary team that works to maximize the individual's potential and quality of life.

Answer: False

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Ahead: Scope of Epidemiology
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8. Descriptive epidemiology involves the proposal of hypotheses and using statistical analysis to answer questions.

Answer: False
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