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Chapter 2: Defining Family

Multiple Choice

1. The definition of family has an impact on which of the following?
a. Custody
b. Immigration
c. Inheritance
*d. All of the above
Answer location: Introduction
Difficulty level: Easy

2. Which sociologists are credited with defining the family in the mid-20th century?
*a. Burgess and Locke
b. Locke and Smith
c. Douglas and Collins
d. Marx and Engels
Answer location: Introduction
Difficulty level: Hard

3. Which of the following is not one of the four distinct approaches used to define family in sociology?
a. Role-based
b. Interactionist
*c. Conflict-based
d. Structural
Answer location: Defining Family: Four Approaches
Difficulty level: Medium

4. According to the structural approach, family is:
*a. A group of persons united by ties of marriage, blood, or adoption
b. A group of people that share a household
c. A group of people that identity as a family
d. Both c and a are correct
Answer location: Defining Family: Four Approaches
Difficulty level: Medium

5. According to the household-based approach, family is:
a. A group of persons united by ties of marriage, blood, or adoption
*b. A group of people that constitute a single household
c. A group of people that identity as a family

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d. Both a and b are correct
Answer location: Family as Household
Difficulty level: Medium

6. According to the role-based approach family members:
a. Are a group of persons united by ties of marriage, blood, or adoption
*b. Interact and communicate with each other based on their respective social roles
c. A group of people that identity as a family
d. Follow a heterogeneous model
Answer location: Family Roles
Difficulty level: Medium

7. Which approach to defining family is sometimes referred to as "doing family"?
a. Role-based approach
*b. Interactionist
c. Structural
d. Household based
Answer location: Family as Interaction
Difficulty level: Easy

8. According to the interactionist approach to defining family:
*a. Family members are creating and maintaining a common culture
b. Are always in conflict
c. Experience a disparity in the distribution of resources
d. Both b and c are correct
Answer location: Family as Interaction
Difficulty level: Easy

9. Which of the following is the narrowest way to define family?
a. Household-based approach
*b. Structural approach
c. Interactionist approach
d. Role-based approach
Answer location: Family as Structure
Difficulty level: Medium

10. Which approach to defining the family does the U.S. Census Bureau utilize?
a. Household-based approach
*b. Structural approach
c. Interactionist approach
d. Role-based approach
Answer location: Family as Structure
Difficulty level: Medium

11. What is the fastest growing type of household in the United States?

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*a. A person living alone
b. Single-parent households
c. Same-sex couple households
d. Heterosexual non-married households
Answer location: Family as Household
Difficulty level: Medium

12. Living apart together household include which of the following?
a. Long-term romantic partners who choose to live separately
b. Children from divorced families in which the parents share custody
c. Children from an intact family who visit their grandparents regularly
*d. Both a and b are correct
Answer location: Family as Household
Difficulty level: Medium

13. What type of methodology did Stack (1974) use in her study of African American Families living in a poor Midwestern Community?
a. Interviews
b. Survey
c. Focus groups
*d. Ethnography
Answer location: Family as Household
Difficulty level: Hard

14. Which approach to defining family argues that families are best understood as a pattern of shared activities and relationships rather than the fulfillment of structurally prescribed roles?
a. Household-based approach
b. Structural approach
*c. Interactionist approach
d. Role-based approach
Answer location: Family as Interaction
Difficulty level: Medium

15. Expressive activities within the family include which of the following?
a. Love
b. Care
c. Doing things for each other
*d. Both a and b are correct
Answer location: Family as Interaction
Difficulty level: Medium

16. Instrumental activities that take place within the family include which of the following?
a. Love
b. Care
*c. Doing things for each other

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d. Both a and b are correct
Answer location: Family as Interaction
Difficulty level: Medium

17. Which of the following approaches to defining a family would a demographer from the U.S. Census Bureau most likely use?
*a. Household-based approach
b. Structural approach
c. Interactionist approach
d. Role-based approach
Answer location: Defining Family
Difficulty level: Hard

18. Which of the following was defined by Powell (2010) as one of the categories that people fall into when asked the question "who counts as family"?
a. Exclusionists
b. Moderates
c. Inclusionists
*d. All of the above
Answer location: How Americans Define Family
Difficulty level: Easy

19. Which sociologist conducted research on the question "who counts as family" in 2010?
a. Patricia Hill Collins
b. Anette Laureau
c. Jim North
*d. Brian Powell
Answer location: How Americans Define Family
Difficulty level: Hard

20. What type of methodology did Brian Powell use to study the question "who counts as family" among a nationally representative sample?
a. Ethnomethodology
b. Survey
*c. Interviews
d. Mixed methods
Answer location: How Americans Define Family
Difficulty level: Hard

21. Which category of respondents expressed the strictest definition of family in Powell's (2010) research?
*a. Exclusionists
b. Moderates
c. Inclusionists
d. None of the above
Answer location: How Americans Define Family

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Difficulty level: Medium

22. Which category of respondents in Powell's (2010) research tended to use role-based and gender-specific language the most?
*a. Exclusionists
b. Moderates
c. Inclusionists
d. None of the above
Answer location: How Americans Define Family
Difficulty level: Medium

23. Which of the following categories in Powell's (2010) research rose from 25% to 33% over the duration of the study?
a. Exclusionists
b. Moderates
*c. Inclusionists
d. None of the above
Answer location: How Americans Define Family
Difficulty level: Medium

24. What is the name of the prototypical family form in the United States?
*a. Nuclear
b. Same-sexed
c. Extended
d. None of the above
Answer location: Extended Families
Difficulty level: Easy

25. Which of the following is part of the extended family network that a family belongs to?
a. Economic support
b. Social support
c. Childcare
*d. All of the above
Answer location: Extended Families
Difficulty level: Easy

26. Which of the following is one of the types of relationships that extended family members have?
a. Lineal relationships
b. Collateral kin
c. Involuntary kin
*d. Both a and b are correct
Answer location: Extended Families
Difficulty level: Medium

27. Which type of kin includes grandparents, parents and children?

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*a. Lineal relationships
b. Collateral kin
c. Voluntary kin
d. Chosen kin
Answer location: Extended Families
Difficulty level: Medium

28. Which type of kin includes siblings, cousins, aunts and uncles?
a. Lineal relationships
*b. Collateral kin
c. Voluntary kin
d. Chosen kin
Answer location: Extended Families
Difficulty level: Medium

29. What is the name given to kin that people have family ties with that they are not related to by blood or marriage?
a. Fictive kin
b. Chosen kin
c. Voluntary kin
*d. All of the above are correct
Answer location: Extended Families
Difficulty level: Medium

30. Which of the following demographic changes are raising the visibility and importance of extended family relationships in the United States?
a. Longer life expectancies
b. Lower fertility
c. Higher neonatal mortality
*d. Both a and b are correct
Answer location: Extended Families
Difficulty level: Medium

31. This occurs when an adult has children with more than one partner.
*a. Multipartner fertility
b. Variable fertility
c. Multipartner morbidity
d. None of the above
Answer location: Extended Families
Difficulty level: Easy

32. Which of the following groups is more than twice as likely as white family households to be multigenerational?
a. Hispanic
b. American Indian

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c. native Hawaiian
*d. all of the above
Answer location: Extended Families
Difficulty level: Hard

33. Among different racial and ethnic groups which demographic variable was linked in the research to the differences in family patterns that were observed?
a. Religion
b. Age
*c. Socioeconomic status
d. Sex
Answer location: Extended Families
Difficulty level: Hard

34. Which of the following activities do women primarily perform when they practice kinkeeping?
a. Organizing family gatherings
b. Providing practical help to family members
c. Cooking holiday meals
*d. All of the above
Answer location: Extended Families
Difficulty level: Easy

True/False

35. Racial and ethnic differences in extended family patterns have not been documented.
a. True
*b. False
Answer location: Extended Families
Difficulty level: Medium

36. More than 40% of children born in the United States are regularly cared for by a relative while their parents work.
*a. True
b. False
Answer location: Extended Families
Difficulty level: Medium

37. The term extended family generally applies to kin including spouses and dependent children.
a. True
*b. False
Answer location: Extended Families
Difficulty level: Medium

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38. Powell's (2010) research on "who counts as family" took place over 10 years.
a. True
*b. False
Answer location: How Americans Define Family
Difficulty level: Hard

39. Who counts as family has changed over time.
*a. True
b. False
Answer location: How Americans Define Family
Difficulty level: Easy

40. Legal spouses are exempt from paying estate taxes when other family members die.
*a. True
b. False
Answer location: Introduction
Difficulty level: Easy

41. Scholars have established one clear definition of what family means.
*a. True
b. False
Answer location: Introduction
Difficulty level: Medium

42. Marriage bestows legitimacy in relationships.
*a. True
b. False
Answer location: Family as Structure
Difficulty level: Medium

43. Family and household are interchangeable concepts because they mean the same exact thing.
a. True
*b. False
Answer location: Family as Household
Difficulty level: Medium

44. According to the U.S. Census Bureau one fourth of households are considered nonfamily household in the U.S..
a. True
*b. False
Answer location: Family as Household
Difficulty level: Medium

45. The rate of U.S. single adult households in 2014 was more than double what it was in 1960.
*a. True

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b. False
Answer location: Family as Household
Difficulty level: Medium

46. LATs are more common in the U.S. than they are in Europe.
a. True
*b. False
Answer location: Family as Household
Difficulty level: Medium

47. Gendered expectations are inherent in families.
a. True
*b. False
Answer location: Family Roles
Difficulty level: Medium

Short Answer/Essay

48. Discuss the cultural and symbolic value that marriage continues to hold in society.

49. Describe two of your personal family roles and the scripts attached to them.

50. In an essay develop an additional way for researchers to conceptualize what it means to be a family that is different from those discussed in the reading.

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