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1. A group of two or more persons related by birth, marriage, or adoption and residing together is the definition of:

- a. family used by all sociologists.
- b. family used by the U. S. Census Bureau.
- c. affiliated kin used by sociologists.
- d. traditional family used by sociologists.

ANSWER:

b

2. “All the people who occupy a housing unit” is the definition of:

- a. affiliated kin.
- b. endearing family.
- c. clan.
- d. household.

ANSWER:

d

3. Unrelated individuals who feel and are treated as if they were relatives comprise an individual’s:

- a. affiliated kin.
- b. endearing family.
- c. clan.
- d. compadres.

ANSWER:

a

4. Carlos is Roberto’s *compadre*. This means that Carlos is Roberto’s:

- a. friend.
- b. brother.
- c. godparent.
- d. grandparent.

ANSWER:

c

5. Diane and Jim are married to each other and live together with their two biological children. This group meets the definition of:

- a. fictive kin.
- b. affiliated kin.
- c. a nuclear family.
- d. an extended family.

ANSWER:

c

6. Ray and Debra are a middle-class couple with three children. Ray has a full-time job and supports the family financially. Debra stays home and takes care of the children. Ray and Debra’s family meets the definition of:

- a. a modern family.
- b. affiliated kin.

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- c. a traditional family.
- d. an extended family.

ANSWER:

c

7. Around _____ of the population of the United States, age 18 and older, is currently married.

- a. 50%
- b. 60%
- c. 75%
- d. 95%

ANSWER:

a

8. Through which court case did same-sex marriage become legal in the United States?

- a. Roe v. Wade
- b. Plessy v. Ferguson
- c. Brown v. Board of Education
- d. Obergefell v. Hodges

ANSWER:

d

9. In the United States, same-sex couples can legally marry in:

- a. only states which have passed laws in favor of same-sex marriage.
- b. in all 50 states.
- c. Ohio and New York only.
- d. churches but not in courthouses.

ANSWER:

b

10. In China, a spirit marriage is one between:

- a. two religious leaders
- b. two people who are not physically present at the time of the marriage but exchange vows by phone.
- c. two affiliated kin.
- d. two people who are both dead.

ANSWER:

d

11. The most widely practiced marital arrangement worldwide is:

- a. polygamy.
- b. monogamy.
- c. bigamy.
- d. modified polygamy.

ANSWER:

b

12. A marriage system that is quite rare throughout world cultures is:

- a. monogamy.

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- b. polygamy.
- c. polygyny.
- d. polyandry.

ANSWER:

d

13. Nassira lives in a tribe in Zambia in which men have multiple wives simultaneously. This is called:

- a. monogamy.
- b. serial monogamy.
- c. polygyny.
- d. polyandry.

ANSWER:

c

14. Our marriage system in the United States may best be described as:

- a. monogamy.
- b. serial monogamy or modified polygamy.
- c. polygamy.
- d. polyandry.

ANSWER:

b

15. In 1967, the U.S. Supreme court ruled in the case of *Loving v. Virginia* and decided that it was unconstitutional for states to:

- a. prohibit interracial marriage.
- b. determine age restrictions for marriage.
- c. prohibit same-sex marriage.
- d. deny the right of cousins to marry.

ANSWER:

a

16. According to the text, the functions of the family may include all of the following except:

- a. assignment of social roles and status.
- b. socialization of children.
- c. acting as a unit of economic cooperation and consumption.
- d. caring for extended family.

ANSWER:

d

17. Intimacy:

- a. has little influence on health.
- b. is not a function of family.
- c. is generally not provided by pets.
- d. strongly influences physical and mental health.

ANSWER:

d

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18. The shaping of individual behavior to conform to social or cultural norms is referred to as:

- a. acculturation.
- b. socialization.
- c. societal imaging.
- d. cultural modeling.

ANSWER:

b

19. The family in which we grow up is known as the:

- a. family of orientation.
- b. family of cohabitation.
- c. family of procreation.
- d. traditional family.

ANSWER:

a

20. Lisa and Jim are married and have a child together. This family they have created is, for Lisa and Jim, a family of:

- a. origin.
- b. procreation
- c. orientation.
- d. reproduction.

ANSWER:

b

21. The status we are given in society is initially acquired through our:

- a. education.
- b. employment.
- c. families.
- d. own efforts.

ANSWER:

c

22. According to William Goode, families provide all of the following advantages except:

- a. continuity.
- b. proximity.
- c. familiarity.
- d. protection.

ANSWER:

d

23. There are approximately _____ multigenerational households in the United States.

- a. 53,000
- b. 264,000
- c. 3.7 million
- d. 1.2 million

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ANSWER:

c

24. Ron is Bryan's father. Their relationship is:

- a. conjugal.
- b. consanguineous.
- c. fictive.
- d. fidelity.

ANSWER:

b

25. The _____ system is the social organization of the family.

- a. kinship
- b. familial
- c. relational
- d. clan

ANSWER:

a

26. Sue is Kay's mother-in-law. Their relationship is:

- a. conjugal.
- b. consanguineous.
- c. affiliative.
- d. fictive.

ANSWER:

a

27. Among the Nayar of India, men have clearly defined obligations toward:

- a. the children of strangers.
- b. the children of their eldest brother.
- c. the children of their sisters and female cousins.
- d. their own children.

ANSWER:

c

28. Families:

- a. stay the same across time.
- b. only change during times of social upheaval.
- c. only change during times of economic upheaval.
- d. are dynamic.

ANSWER:

d

29. What is meant by the term "modified extended family"?:

- a. This is a family that functions as an extended family even though they may not live in the same household.
- b. This is an extended family that includes a minimum of five generations within a household.

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- c. This is a family of adults only and no children. It functions primarily as an economic unit.
- d. This is a family that is entirely fictive and affiliated and does not involve consanguineous relationships.

ANSWER:

a

30. Compared to whites, African Americans tend to express more conservative attitudes toward which of the following family issues?

- a. Premarital sex
- b. Spanking
- c. Gay marriage
- d. All of these are family issues on which African Americans express more conservative attitudes than whites.

ANSWER:

b

31. To conservatives, cultural values have shifted from _____ toward _____.

- a. morality; immorality
- b. immorality; morality
- c. individual self-sacrifice; personal self-fulfillment
- d. personal self-fulfillment; individual self-sacrifice

ANSWER:

c

32. Compared with conservatives, how do liberals feel about the status and future of family life in the United States?

- a. They are more determined to maintain the status quo.
- b. They are more determined to see change occur.
- c. They are more pessimistic about it.
- d. They are more optimistic about it.

ANSWER:

d

33. Liberal family policies are often tied to the _____ well-being of families.

- a. physical
- b. economic
- c. emotional
- d. moral

ANSWER:

b

34. Professor Brooks is a centrist. This means he is:

- a. conservative.
- b. liberal.
- c. an idealist.
- d. conservative about some issues and liberal about other issues.

ANSWER:

d

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35. What most determines the decisions we make about what families need?

- a. The perspectives we have about the current status of family life or the directions in which it is heading.
- b. Our view of how the family has evolved into what it is today.
- c. Our conclusions about the problems families have faced in the past.
- d. Our view of the importance of family functions.

ANSWER:

a

36. David Popenoe has concluded that:

- a. in high-conflict marriages, parents should stay together for the sake of the children.
- b. there is no such thing as a good divorce.
- c. the negative effects of divorce on children are short-term and disappear by adulthood.
- d. except in high-conflict marriages, it is better for the children if their parents remain together and work out their problems.

ANSWER:

d

37. When it comes to opinions and values about marriage and family relationships:

- a. the wider society is conflicted, but academic disciplines are not.
- b. academic disciplines are conflicted, but wider society is not.
- c. both the wider society and academic disciplines are conflicted.
- d. neither the wider society nor academic disciplines are conflicted.

ANSWER:

c

38. The “Modern Family Effect” is an argument that:

- a. changing cultural and moral norms has allowed more diverse family styles to develop for the first time in American history.
- b. a television show based on a same-sex couple’s daily life has made its audience more accepting of difference.
- c. the family functions more liberally when there is enhanced technological opportunity.
- d. media influences religious beliefs and church attitudes toward social changes.

ANSWER:

b

39. Law professors Naomi Cahn and June Carbine identified family characteristics more common to “red states” that include all of the following except:

- a. lower divorce rates.
- b. greater emphasis on abstinence.
- c. younger age at marriage and childbirth.
- d. higher teen pregnancy rates.

ANSWER:

a

40. Law professors Naomi Cahn and June Carbine identified family characteristics more common to “blue states” that include all of the following except:

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- a. delayed childbearing.
- b. greater emphasis on career and education.
- c. lower divorce rates.
- d. lower use of abortion.

ANSWER: d

41. The study of marriage and family is:
- a. both abstract and personal.
 - b. neither abstract nor personal.
 - c. abstract but not personal.
 - d. personal but not abstract.

ANSWER: a

42. To study family patterns and issues, we need to understand that our attitudes and beliefs about families may affect and distort our efforts.

- a. True
- b. False

ANSWER: True

43. All the people living in a housing unit makes up a household.

- a. True
- b. False

ANSWER: True

44. Affiliated kin is defined as related individuals we have little contact with.

- a. True
- b. False

ANSWER: False

45. Emotional closeness may be more important than biology or law in defining family.

- a. True
- b. False

ANSWER: True

46. The family most Americans consider to be the traditional family is a family where both the husband and wife work outside of the home full-time.

- a. True
- b. False

ANSWER: False

47. In some areas of India, Africa, and Asia, children as young as six years may marry other children (and sometimes adults), although they may not live together until they are older.

- a. True

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b. False

ANSWER: True

48. Who may marry in the United States has remained unchanged over the past 150 years.

a. True

b. False

ANSWER: False

49. At one time it was illegal for African Americans to marry in the United States because they were regarded as property.

a. True

b. False

ANSWER: True

50. Heterosexuals often think about the privileges that sexual orientation offers or withholds.

a. True

b. False

ANSWER: False

51. Monogamy is the preferred marital arrangement worldwide.

a. True

b. False

ANSWER: False

52. Families are easy to define and count.

a. True

b. False

ANSWER: False

53. As society has become more industrialized and impersonal, families have decreased in importance as a source of intimacy.

a. True

b. False

ANSWER: False

54. The family is a unit of economic cooperation that traditionally divides its labor along gender lines.

a. True

b. False

ANSWER: True

55. Developments in contraception, artificial insemination, and in vitro fertilization have not separated reproduction from sexual intercourse.

a. True

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b. False

ANSWER: False

56. The socialization function rarely includes agents and caregivers outside of the family.

a. True

b. False

ANSWER: False

57. Most families in the United States are traditional nuclear families.

a. True

b. False

ANSWER: False

58. When we look at the functions of the family, we can see that most of those functions could, at least in theory, be fulfilled outside of the family.

a. True

b. False

ANSWER: True

59. Conjugal relationships are created through biological ties.

a. True

b. False

ANSWER: False

60. Consanguineous relationships include those of grandparents and grandchildren.

a. True

b. False

ANSWER: True

61. Spirit marriage involves a symbolic union between two people who are not legally allowed to marry.

a. True

b. False

ANSWER: False

62. The number of multigenerational families in the United States is increasing.

a. True

b. False

ANSWER: True

63. American kinship obligations are not as extensive as those of some non-Western or non-industrialized cultures.

a. True

b. False

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ANSWER: True

64. A person may only occupy one position at a time in the basic kinship system in American society.

- a. True
- b. False

ANSWER: False

65. Social networking and technology has changed the American family.

- a. True
- b. False

ANSWER: True

66. Our values and beliefs about families have remained stable over time.

- a. True
- b. False

ANSWER: False

67. Some of the services provided by families are such a basic part of our existence that we tend to overlook them.

- a. True
- b. False

ANSWER: True

68. Conservatives believe that changes in cultural values have made families stronger and more able to meet the needs of children, adults and the wider society.

- a. True
- b. False

ANSWER: False

69. Liberals believe that families today are weaker than they were in the 1950s.

- a. True
- b. False

ANSWER: False

70. Centrists believe that changes in family life are due to economic and demographic changes in society.

- a. True
- b. False

ANSWER: True

71. Ahrons argues that it is the quality of the relationship between divorced parents, and not the divorce per se, that has a long-term impact on adult children's lives.

- a. True
- b. False

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ANSWER: True

72. A social class is a category of people who share similar economic positions in society.

- a. True
- b. False

ANSWER: True

73. More households in the United States have married couples with children than have married couples without children.

- a. True
- b. False

ANSWER: False

74. List and discuss the four basic functions of family.

ANSWER: Will vary. Four functions - families are source of intimate relationships, units of economic cooperation and consumption, units to produce and socialize children, and source of social statuses and roles to individuals.

75. One of the themes in your text is that families are diverse. Write an essay describing this diversity.

ANSWER: Will vary. Major sources of diversity are patterned variation in family experience, social class, race and ethnicity, gender and sexuality, and lifestyle choice.

76. Write an essay comparing and contrasting the positions of liberals, conservatives, and centrists on the status and future of American families.

ANSWER: Will vary. Liberals tend to have a more optimistic view of change, while conservatives a more pessimistic one. Centrists share perspectives of both.

77. Why is expertise favored over experience as a way of knowing about marriage and family?

ANSWER: Will vary. Expertise is favored because we do not all have the same experiences socially, financially, geographically, culturally, etc.

78. Describe monogamy and polygamy and the advantages and disadvantages of each.

ANSWER: Will vary. Monogamy is when each partner has only one other partner. It is the most common form of marriage in Western societies. Polygamy is when there are multiple partners within a marriage. It is the most common form in non-Western societies. There are advantages and disadvantages of each.