

Chapter_01__So_You_Want_to_be_a_Teacher_(1)

Multiple Choice

1. Approximately how many students attend U.S. public schools?

- a. Almost 50 million
- b. Just over 100 million
- c. Approximately 75 million
- d. Just under 25 million

ANSWER: a

2. How many U.S. public school teachers teach public school students?

- a. Close to 25 million
- b. Just under 10 million
- c. A bit over 3.2 million
- d. Approximately 1.75 million

ANSWER: c

3. Which of the following statements is a false statement about effective teacher qualities?

- a. They care about their students.
- b. They were in the top 10% of their high school graduating class.
- c. They show fairness and respect to all students.
- d. They show interest in students inside and outside the classroom.

ANSWER: b

4. Which of the following statements is a false statement about effective teacher qualities?

- a. They promote enthusiasm and motivation for learning.
- b. They have a positive attitude about their own learning.
- c. They reflect on their practice.
- d. They have at least a Master's degree.

ANSWER: d

5. John Goodlad believes that schools have four moral imperatives. Which is not one of them?

- a. Preparing students for responsible citizenship
- b. Providing essential knowledge and skills
- c. Preparing students to hold fiscally conservative values
- d. Practicing sound stewardship

ANSWER: c

6. Ethical caring is best described as

- a. Acting out of affection rather than from duty
- b. Caring about the ethical and moral character of students' development
- c. Teaching ethics rigorously to students
- d. Ensuring that students treat other students ethically

ANSWER: a

7. Which of the following statements least accurately describes “ethics”?

- a. Ethics is the theory of right and wrong behaviors.
- b. Ethics is a socially defined category or group based on culture or nationality.
- c. Ethics and morals are sometimes used interchangeably.
- d. Ethics can be described as a system of moral principles.

ANSWER: b

8. Which of the following groups would not be considered a critic of Nel Noddings’ views?

- a. Those who hold a feminist view
- b. Those who hold more masculine approaches to ethics
- c. Those who view the problematic nature of building an ethical theory upon those in unequal relationships
- d. Those who believe in ethical caring

ANSWER: d

9. Which of the following statements is true concerning education in a global environment?

- a. It is no longer true that we live in a world where our lives are structured by local geography, religions, and worldviews.
- b. As is the effect of inflation on everything, the cost of communicating around the world has gotten much more expensive over the last 50 years.
- c. Currently, technology has changed the workplace about as much as is possible.
- d. Globalization has established protocols that insulate workers from outside influences.

ANSWER: a

10. Which of the following statements is false concerning students competing in a global environment?

- a. Some think U.S. students are faring only average in international achievement tests.
- b. U.S. students are showing some improvement in international math and science assessments.
- c. Asian countries have the highest percentage of students reaching the advanced level on international benchmark assessments.
- d. In the TIMSS assessment, U.S. students’ scores identified them as a “declining” country.

ANSWER: d

Which of the following statements is true about teaching 21st century skills?

11. New Question

- a. The U.S. economy is producing fewer assembly line jobs and more information rich jobs.
- b. To be successful in the 21st century, students will need a different type education than their parents received.
- c. Developed talent is more important than place of birth in the workplace today.

- d. None are correct
- e. All are correct

ANSWER: e

12. Which of the following statements is not true of what a globalized world means for teachers?

- a. High-level skills and knowledge along with the ability to continue learning practically guarantees a secure and well-paying job.
- b. Globalization impacts the way employees will work and learn.
- c. Globalization is changing the nature of life from labor to knowledge and from retaining information to using it for analysis, synthesis, evaluation, and creativity.
- d. Globalization will increase the international competition for well-educated and highly skilled workers.

ANSWER: a

13. Which of the following statements is true concerning the intelligence of teachers today versus 30 year ago?

- a. Today's teachers, on average, have IQs that are approximately 27 points lower than those who entered teaching 30 years ago.
- b. Greater occupational opportunities have opened up for intelligent women and minorities in the last 30 years resulting in many being diverted out of careers in teaching.
- c. Today's teachers, on average, have IQs that are approximately 27 points higher than those who entered teaching 30 years ago.
- d. Total SAT scores have decreased for teaching candidates by more than 30 points over the last 30 years.

ANSWER: b

14. Which statement is false concerning today's beginning teachers versus those of a generation ago?

- a. K-12 teachers have the lowest SAT scores of people in any professional occupation, but the scores have been increasing over the last 20 years.
- b. In the 1950s and 1960s intelligent women seeking careers became teachers because it fit cultural expectations, but the women's movement of the 1960s and 1970s opened other occupational doors for women.
- c. Less rigorous admission and completion standards are being used by teacher education institutions now than were used a generation ago.
- d. Teachers in academic subject areas have academic abilities equal to or higher than those in the general college population.

ANSWER: c

15. Which of the following statements is true?

- a. The world's most successful educational systems (Singapore and Finland) recruit teachers from among the top third of college students.
- b. Some studies show that the U.S. educational system recruits students from the top 25% of college graduates.
- c. The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 required teachers of core subjects to be highly

qualified, defined as having an Education major and passing the national teacher licensure exam.

d. Teaching is the second highest rated profession in the United States—only surpassed by surgeons.

ANSWER: a

16. Which of the following is not one of the propositions on which the InTASC standards are based?

a. Teachers are committed to students and their learning.

b. Teachers know their subjects and know how to teach those subject to diverse learners.

c. Teachers can teach content that guarantees high levels of student learning in spite of all obstacles.

d. Teachers are members of learning communities.

ANSWER: c

17. Which of the following best describes the InTASC standards?

a. There are 10 standards that address learning, content knowledge, assessment, instruction, and ethics.

b. InTASC stands for Interstate New Teacher Assessment and Support Consortium.

c. The standards were developed in 1992 and updated in 2011 to be compatible with the Common Core Standards.

d. The standards address the performances, essential knowledge, and critical dispositions common to all teachers who are able to ensure all their students learn to high levels.

ANSWER: d

18. Which of the following statements is true concerning InTASC Standards and NBPTS?

a. The two standards are not compatible.

b. NBPTS is no longer in business.

c. The two standards are compatible.

d. InTASC is no longer in business.

ANSWER: c

19. Which of the following statements is true?

a. Future teachers will have less and less impact on their students' quality of life due to globalization.

b. InTASC principles differ only in intensity from those that characterize an advanced professional teacher.

c. InTASC standards represent those standards for No Child Left Behind.

d. Teacher pay will increase to the level of investment bankers within the next 10 years.

ANSWER: b

20. Which of the following statements is not true?

a. InTASC standards represent the common core of professional teaching performance.

b. InTASC standards represent the common core of knowledge and dispositions that will aid newly licensed teachers in helping diverse student learn the high-level 21st century

skills appropriate for a knowledge-based economy.

c. Teaching students 21st century knowledge and skills means preparing them to respond knowledgeably and flexibly to real-world problems, to think creatively, communicate effectively, and work well in teams.

d. Teaching students 21st century knowledge and skills means preparing them not to create new knowledge, but to use that knowledge.

ANSWER: d

Subjective Short Answer

21. List and provide an example of three research-based findings about effective teachers' personal qualities.

ANSWER: Any three of the below with an example are acceptable. Care about their students (and example) Show all students and colleagues fairness and respect (and example) Show interest in their students inside and outside the classroom (and example) Promote enthusiasm and motivation for learning (and example) Have a positive attitude about their own learning and the teaching profession (and example)

22. List and provide an explanation of three of John Goodlad's four moral imperatives for schools.

ANSWER: Any three of the below with an explanation are acceptable. Preparing students for responsible citizenship (and explanation) Providing essential knowledge and skills (and explanation) Building effective relationships (and explanation) Practicing sound stewardship (and explanation)

23. List and explain three ways in which globalization is changing the workforce.

ANSWER: Any that you added in class may be included. The following represent only a few of the many possibilities. Technology (and explanation) Increased competition for jobs (and explanation) Outsourcing Reduction of repetitive factory jobs and increase in higher level thinking skills in all jobs Communication skills

24. List and explain three ways globalization is changing teaching.

ANSWER: Any of the below would be acceptable. Globalization impacts the way employees will work and learn. This has implications for teaching. Globalization is changing the nature of life from labor to knowledge and from retaining information to using it for higher-level thinking skills. Globalization increases international competition for well-educated and highly skilled workers. Globalization changes communication. High-level skills and knowledge and the ability to keep learning are necessary in today's workforce. High-level skills and knowledge and the ability to keep learning do not guarantee getting or keeping a well-paying career.

25. List and explain five ways in which teacher quality has changed over the last generation.

ANSWER: This can be taken from FlipSides in this chapter and from any class discussion that might have brought up additional ideas. Remember it is a list with explanations.

Essay

26. Describe your most influential teacher from your school experience and explain at least four research-based characteristics that teacher displayed. What characteristics do you hope to demonstrate that will make students write this same essay about you one day?

ANSWER: Answers will vary.