

Chapter 01

Multiple Choice

1. Grouping or clustering social policies into policy sectors has positive consequences including
- a. people can more clearly identify where to go to seek assistance with a specific problem.
 - b. the silo effect created by clustering policies facilitates access to multiple services across policy sector boundaries.
 - c. people can have easier access to various services.
 - d. None of these are correct.

ANSWER: a

2. Policies on paper can be actualized only if
- a. the policy includes a mandate for and the shaping of implementation systems.
 - b. a plan is identified for fund raising and distribution to support the programs mandated by the policy.
 - c. Both of these are correct.
 - d. None of these are correct.

ANSWER: c

3. Contemporary conservatives think of themselves as the ideological descendants of the founding fathers and other presidents, often associating themselves with, among others:
- a. Theodore Roosevelt
 - b. Calvin Coolidge
 - c. Franklin Roosevelt
 - d. Andrew Jackson

ANSWER: b

4. Libertarians often associate themselves with
- a. the ideology of the founding fathers.
 - b. increasing government control and regulations.
 - c. enhancing the freedom of citizens.
 - d. Jane Addams and Dorothea Dix.

ANSWER: c

5. Liberals of today believe themselves to be the ideological descendants of:
- a. Warren Harding
 - b. Woodrow Wilson
 - c. Theodore Roosevelt
 - d. Ronald Reagan

ANSWER: c

6. Libertarians believe in
- a. criminalizing specific drugs.

- b. restricting abortion.
- c. censoring some types of journalism.
- d. None of these are correct.

ANSWER: d

7. Personal policy identities are

- a. a set of values and positions that shape our selection or rejection of policies choices.
- b. often in line with the opinion of the mainstream.
- c. fixed and do not ever change over time.
- d. All of these are correct.

ANSWER: a

8. Policy eras are specific historical periods

- a. with specific patterns of popular culture.
- b. with specific demographic trends.
- c. with an identifiable policy direction.
- d. All of these are correct.

ANSWER: c

9. Conservatives feel positive that unfettered capitalism

- a. will produce prosperity if government does not place restrictions upon it.
- b. will produce prosperity only if government restricts it.
- c. will never produce prosperity.
- d. will produce prosperity if taxes are raised to support social programs.

ANSWER: a

10. The core value of liberals is

- a. social justice.
- b. liberty, but some government incentives.
- c. liberty.
- d. liberty, but social justice is also important.

ANSWER: d

11. Social workers need to understand the structure and programs of the American welfare state so that they can

- a. appropriately refer clients to programs and services to which they are entitled.
- b. engage in case advocacy with their clients when access to services is denied or unfairly limited.
- c. participate in policy advocacy when existing policies are defective.
- d. All of these are correct.

ANSWER: d

12. Constitutions define the social policy powers of government at which of the following levels:

- a. federal
- b. state
- c. federal and state
- d. None of these are correct.

ANSWER: c

13. Looking at social welfare history forces us to
- a. see unlimited potential and positive outcomes for all populations.
 - b. view human behavior in its broader societal and policy context.
 - c. understand the limitations to what certain populations can hope to attain.
 - d. understand the positives of segregation.

ANSWER: b

14. Conservatives favor
- a. privatization (or shifting federal policy roles to for-profit corporations and private markets).
 - b. devolution (ceding federal policy roles to states and local governments).
 - c. both privatization and devolution.
 - d. None of these are correct.

ANSWER: c

15. Social workers implement the profession's code of ethics whenever they engage in
- a. micro policy advocacy.
 - b. macro policy advocacy.
 - c. mezzo policy advocacy.
 - d. All of these are correct

ANSWER: d

16. Radicals typically believe in
- a. favoring a generous safety net.
 - b. favoring government programs but often recommend worker or citizen inclusion in government decisions.
 - c. emphasizing oppression of out-groups.
 - d. All of these are correct.

ANSWER: d

17. Some of Jansson's guidelines that can help to have respectful dialogue in academic and other settings include
- a. acknowledging the complexity of policy issues.
 - b. acknowledging that some policy issues do not lend themselves to consensus.
 - c. engaging in respectful debate that does not negatively characterize opponents' personal character, morality, or intentions.
 - d. All of these are correct.

ANSWER: d

18. Vulnerable populations need a welfare state because

- a. many social policies favor poorer Americans.
- b. they are more likely to experience poverty, economic uncertainty, and victimization.
- c. they tend to vote for Liberal candidates.
- d. they are well represented by the government.

ANSWER: b

True / False

19. Vulnerable populations are more likely than other groups to be victimized by landlords, employers, merchants, middle-income and affluent communities, credit card companies, and schools.

- a. True
- b. False

ANSWER: True

20. When analyzing the evolution of the American welfare state we see patterns of responses to social welfare needs such as the response to the Great Recession from 2007 to 2009 and Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria in 2017.

- a. True
- b. False

ANSWER: True

21. When examining complex social problems in American history as drug addiction, alcoholism, serious mental disorders, juvenile delinquency, and child abuse, we learn that easy answers or panaceas seldom exist.

- a. True
- b. False

ANSWER: True

22. Progressive Democrats strongly support national health insurance.

- a. True
- b. False

ANSWER: True

23. Conservatives do not value freedom nor do they believe in unfettered capitalism.

- a. True
- b. False

ANSWER: False

24. The development of an American welfare state in a relatively liberal era occurred between 1981 and 1992.

- a. True
- b. False

ANSWER: False

25. Tax benefits for middle and upper income persons in the United States are larger in their cumulative size than all of the nation's welfare programs.

- a. True
- b. False

ANSWER: True