

CHAPTER 1—THE NATURE OF CANADIAN SOCIAL WELFARE

TEST BANK

MULTIPLE CHOICE

Directions: Circle the letter beside the correct answer. There is only one correct answer per question.

1. Which of the following describes the term social welfare?
 - a) concepts and policies that relate to the well-being of society
 - b) a professional field that strengthens a family's ability to enhance the well-being of its own members
 - c) a system that attempts to hold people accountable for their own needs
 - d) a system comprised of policies and programs designed to help promote private enterprises and entrepreneurship

ANS: a

REF: p. 4

BLM: Higher Order

2. Which of the following words needed to be eliminated to ensure a particular social belief existed that guarantees a basic standard of living for all Canadians?
 - a) goodwill
 - b) charity
 - c) benevolence
 - d) munificence

ANS: b

REF: p. 4

BLM: Higher Order

3. Mark is a social worker who works within the social welfare system. He will provide all the following functions EXCEPT which?
 - a) help people fulfill important social roles
 - b) provide people with basic necessities
 - c) ensure people have access to resources and opportunities
 - d) advocate the government to increase the level of "transfers in kind" payments

ANS: d

REF: p. 5

BLM: Higher Order

4. Answering the question of whether society is faring well or not is best articulated by which of the following statements?
- a) Due to the *abstract* nature of social welfare and the policy analysts, it is possible to make educated guesses regarding how society is faring.
 - b) Due to the *abstract* nature of social welfare, it is difficult to say with any certainty exactly how society is faring.
 - c) Due to the *calculable* but complex nature of social welfare, it possible to make assessments of exactly how society is faring.
 - d) Due to the *calculable* nature of social welfare, it not possible to make assessments of exactly how society is faring.

ANS: b

REF: p. 5

BLM: Higher Order

5. To help understand whether or not a society is doing well, various *subjective* data collection tools are used to assess people's personal experiences. Which of the following is an example of this type of tool?
- a) General Social Survey
 - b) Human Development Index
 - c) Quality of Life Reporting System
 - d) Indicators of Well-being in Canada (IWC)

ANS: a

REF: p. 5

BLM: Higher Order

6. To help understand whether or not a society is doing well, various *objective* data collection tools are used to gather information. Which of the following was an example discussed in your text?
- a) Canadian Survey on Disability
 - b) General Social Survey
 - c) First Nations Community Well-Being Index
 - d) Statistics Canada

ANS: c

REF: p. 5

BLM: Higher Order

7. Within each domain of The Indicators of Well-being (IWC), three types of indicators are used to measure the characteristics of, or changes in, the well-being of Canadians. Which of the following is NOT an indicator?
- a) employment
 - b) status
 - c) *life events*
 - d) key influences

ANS: a

REF: p. 5

BLM: Remember

8. In what year did the Government of Canada introduce The Indicators of Well-being (IWC)?
- a) 1967
 - b) 1977
 - c) 1997
 - d) 2007

ANS: d

REF: p. 5

BLM: Remember

9. Which indicator in The Indicators of Well-being (IWC) would provide information regarding the characteristics of, or changes in, marital type or age of mother at childbirth?
- a) employment
 - b) status
 - c) *life events*
 - d) key influences

ANS: c

REF: p. 5–6

BLM: Remember

10. When using The Indicators of Well-being (IWC), all of the following have been listed as a domain of individual and social well-being EXCEPT which?
- a) housing
 - b) environment
 - c) *marital status*
 - d) family life

ANS: c

REF: p. 5–6

BLM: Remember

11. When using The Indicators of Well-being (IWC), all of the following have been listed as a domain of individual and social well-being EXCEPT which?
- a) level of academic achievement
 - b) financial security
 - c) social participation
 - d) security

ANS: a

REF: p. 5–6

BLM: Remember

12. How many broad domains of individual and social well-being have been identified in The Indicators of Well-being in Canada (IWC)?

- a) five
- b) ten
- c) *fifteen*
- d) twenty

ANS: b

REF: p. 5–6

BLM: Remember

13. According to the IWC reports, what occurred from 1994 to 2010 in Canada?

- a) The economy and the quality of life both grew.
- b) The economy grew but the quality of life dropped.
- c) *The* economy dropped but the quality of life grew.
- d) The economy and the quality of life both dropped.

ANS: a

REF: p. 7

BLM: Remember

14. According to IWC reports, what statistically occurred from 1994 to 2010?

- a) The economy grew by approximately 30 percent, and the quality of life grew by approximately 6 percent.
- b) The economy grew by approximately 10 percent, while the quality of life dropped by approximately 3 percent.
- c) *The* economy grew by approximately 10 percent, and the quality of life grew by approximately *4 percent*.
- d) The economy grew by approximately 15 percent, while the quality of life dropped by approximately 4 percent.

ANS: a

REF: p. 7

BLM: Remember

15. As a social worker, your job is to help your clients meet their human potential. Your client is now setting goals to attend graduate school in the fall. According to Maslow's hierarchy of needs, at which level is your client functioning?

- a) physiological needs
- b) self-actualization needs
- c) self-esteem needs
- d) social needs

ANS: b

REF: p. 8

BLM: Higher Order

16. Your clients the Smith family are struggling financially due to Mr. Smith's recent job loss. They are now forced to pay for their son's prescription medication, which had been previously covered by Mr. Smith's employment benefits. Added to this is the worry they will not be able to pay the rent this month. According to Maslow, which level best describes the Smith family hierarchy of needs?

- a) physiological needs
- b) self-actualization needs
- c) self-esteem needs
- d) social needs

ANS: a

REF: p. 8

BLM: Higher Order

17. Abraham Maslow developed a model that arranges a wide range of human needs in a hierarchical form. According to Maslow's original theory, which of the following needs must be met first before all others?

- a) physiological needs
- b) self-actualization needs
- c) self-esteem needs
- d) social needs

ANS: a

REF: p. 8

BLM: Higher Order

18. The accumulation of capital is considered to be critical to a person's ability to achieve social security. Which types of capital is the social welfare system primarily concerned with?

- a) social and equity capital
- b) social and human capital
- c) social and intellectual capital
- d) social and economic capital

ANS: b

REF: p. 10

BLM: Higher Order

19. John and Mary, who have been working on a full-time basis for the past six years, just had their first child three months ago. Now they receive \$100.00 each month from the federal government. Which type of income security program is being provided?

- a) targeted cash transfers
- b) universal cash transfers
- c) contributory programs
- d) tax relief measures

ANS: b

REF: p. 11–12

BLM: Higher Order

20. Income security programs attempt to ensure that all Canadians enjoy a reasonable standard of living, otherwise known as a **social minimum**. All of the following exist EXCEPT which?

- a) targeted cash transfers
- b) universal cash transfers
- c) contributory programs
- d) progressive universal tax transfers

ANS: d

REF: p. 11–12

BLM: Remember

21. All of the following groups could qualify for a targeted program EXCEPT which?

- a) adults over the age of sixty-five
- b) children living in poverty
- c) people with disabilities
- d) Aboriginal peoples

ANS: a

REF: p. 13–14

BLM: Higher Order

22. In Canada, the issue of eligibility for social welfare programs is largely resolved through two programs: targeted and universal. Which of the following programs meets the criteria for a universal program?

- a) child care services for low-income families
- b) employment counselling for all Canadian youth aged 15 to 24
- c) government-subsidized housing
- d) social assistance (welfare)

ANS: b

REF: p. 15

BLM: Higher Order

23. What was Canada's first universal social welfare program?

- a) Old Age Security
- b) Family Allowance
- c) Mothers' Allowance
- d) Universal Child Care Benefit

ANS: b

REF: p. 16

BLM: Remember

24. Mary has just applied for one of Canada's Universal programs; no needs test required. Which of the following best describes Mary's circumstances?
- a) She just celebrated her sixtieth birthday.
 - b) She just gave birth to her first child.
 - c) She just lost her job after the factory she had been working in closed.
 - d) She'll be attending college in the fall.

ANS: b REF: p. 16–17 BLM: Higher Order

25. Jack launched his campaign with the hope of representing his constituents in the next federal government. He begins his campaign by stating "I firmly believe in, and support, the importance of maintaining Canada's social safety net." Which of the following describes his political ideology?
- a) social democracy
 - b) liberalism
 - c) neoliberalism
 - d) conservatism

ANS: b REF: p. 18–22 BLM: Higher Order

26. Melisa is running for a seat in the federal government, and her campaign begins with a television debate. In her opening remarks, she states, "I believe in Canada's position in the global economy, and firmly support capitalism, free trade, and market expansion." Which of the following describes Melisa's political ideology?
- a) social democracy
 - b) liberalism
 - c) neoliberalism
 - d) conservatism

ANS: c REF: p. 18–22 BLM: Higher Order

27. Which process would NOT be supported by a neoliberal government?
- a) globalization
 - b) capitalism
 - c) income redistribution
 - d) free trade

ANS: c REF: p. 20 BLM: Remember

28. John thinks of himself as possessing a residual approach to social welfare. As such, which of the following describes a statement he might use for his government's assistance strategy?

- a) stigmatization
- b) income inequality
- c) income distribution
- d) social inclusion

ANS: a

REF: p. 23

BLM: Higher Order

29. In which decade did Canada's social welfare system experience its greatest growth?

- a) 1931 to 1941
- b) 1945 to 1955
- c) 1963 to 1973
- d) 1976 to 1986

ANS: c

REF: p. 25

BLM: Remember

30. Which process would be supported by the social investment approach to social welfare?

- a) globalization
- b) social inclusion
- c) income redistribution
- d) free trade

ANS: b

REF: p. 26

BLM: Remember

TRUE / FALSE

Directions: Put a "t" in the blank if the statement is true, or an "f" if the statement is false.

___ 1. From a subjective view, how well a society is doing is open to interpretation, based on people's values, beliefs, and cultural norms.

ANS: t

REF: p. 5

___ 2. The Indicators of Well-Being (IWC) recognizes fifteen broad domains of individual and social well-being.

ANS: f

REF: p. 5

- ___ 3. Maslow recognized the fact that the meeting of human needs does not necessarily follow a fixed order; thus, people may be motivated to meet higher-order needs before they have fully satisfied those lower down on the pyramid.

ANS: t REF: p. 7

- ___ 4. A public issue is likely to be a social problem.

ANS: t REF: p. 9

- ___ 5. Human capital includes the skills and knowledge that people use to earn a living and cope with problems.

ANS: t REF: p. 10

- ___ 6. Government gives targeted cash transfers to all persons, regardless of financial status or need.

ANS: f REF: p. 11

- ___ 7. Universal social welfare programs are given only to Canadians whose incomes are below a certain level.

ANS: f REF: p. 11–12

- ___ 8. In general, the demand for social services is decreasing.

ANS: f REF: p. 12

- ___ 9. The term *neoliberalism* refers to the belief that social welfare programs should be available to citizens on a universal basis.

ANS: f REF: p. 20

- ___ 10. Social democrats typically believe that people are poor because they made poor choices, or because they lack self-initiative.

ANS: f REF: p. 20–21

___ 11. In general, liberals reject capitalism and competitive private enterprise.

ANS: f

REF: p. 21–22

___ 12. The stigmatization of the poor is often associated with the residual approach to social welfare.

ANS: t

REF: p. 22–23

___ 13. In general, the residual approach to social welfare supports short-term programs that are used sparingly and only as a last resort.

ANS: t

REF: p. 22–23

___ 14. According to the institutional approach, social welfare has a normal, legitimate, and necessary role to play in a civilized society.

ANS: t

REF: p. 23

___ 15. Seniors are likely to be a high priority group for governments that take a social investment approach to social welfare.

ANS: f

REF: p. 26

SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

1. Using Abraham Maslow's hierarchy of needs, identify the various levels, provide an example for each, and explain how it might exist in today's society.

ANS: Answers will vary.

REF: p. 7–8; Exhibit 1.2

2. There are four major types of income security programs in Canada: (i) targeted cash transfers; (ii) universal cash transfers; (iii) contributory programs; and (iv) tax relief credits. Complete each sentence below by entering the correct type of income security program.

- a) _____ are forced savings plans.
- b) _____ tend to lower the income tax payable by low income earners.
- c) _____ are for people whose income falls below a certain level.
- d) _____ are given to people regardless of their financial status or need.

ANS: a) Universal cash transfers
 b) Targeted cash transfers
 c) Contributory programs
 d) Tax relief credits

REF: p. 11–12

3. Most income security programs employ some type of test to determine a person's eligibility for benefits. For each test listed below, describe how eligibility for benefits is determined.

- e) income test _____
- f) needs test _____
- g) means test _____

ANS: Answers will vary.

REF: p. 14

4. Political ideologies have considerable influence over social policymakers and how social issues are addressed. Three political views have had a particular impact on Canadian social welfare: (i) conservatism; (ii) liberalism; and (iii) social democracy. For each statement below, indicate which of the three ideologies it best reflects. Enter your answer in the space provided.

- h) Social welfare programs undermine self-initiative. _____
- i) Government should play a prominent role in the social and economic lives of citizens. _____
- j) People must be free to express their individuality, and to choose their own lifestyle. _____

ANS: a) conservatism
 b) social democracy
 c) liberalism

REF: p. 18–22

5. Conservative governments are often referred to as being *laissez-faire*. Explain what is meant by the term *laissez-faire*.

ANS: Answers will vary.

REF: p. 20