

Families Across the Life Course (White/Martin/Bartolic)

Chapter 1 Defining Family Across the Life Course

1.1 Multiple Choice

1) Definitions are

- A) at the core of our knowledge
- B) social constructions
- C) may carry social legitimacy
- D) may provide social status
- E) all of the above

Answer: E

Diff: 1 Page Ref: 2-3

Skill: Recall

2) Aristotle's *Metaphysics* introduced what is now a fairly standard form of definition. He used the concepts of

- A) genus and species
- B) material and metaphysical
- C) animate and inert
- D) equivalence and difference
- E) none of the above

Answer: A

Diff: 1 Page Ref: 6

Skill: Recall

3) Rapinder is in family court today regarding custody issues of her two children. Across the hall Karl is trying to establish that his cohabitation partner of 5 years is his spouse for immigration purposes. These are examples of what type of family definition?

- A) legal
- B) normative
- C) theoretical
- D) research
- E) none of the above

Answer: A

Diff: 1 Page Ref: 8

Skill: Applied

4) The acceptance by a majority of Canadians of same sex-marriage is an example of what type of family definition?

- A) legal
- B) normative
- C) theoretical
- D) research
- E) none of the above

Answer: B

Diff: 1 Page Ref: 9

Skill: Applied

5) The concept of marriage defined as "a publicly recognized sexual bond between two people" for the purpose of developing propositions, is an example of what type of family definition?

- A) legal
- B) normative
- C) theoretical
- D) research
- E) none of the above

Answer: A

Diff: 1 Page Ref: 11

Skill: Applied

6) The common element of any research definition of the family is that it can be linked to

- A) theory
- B) a social problem
- C) a hunch
- D) measurement
- E) all of the above

Answer: A, D

Diff: 1

Skill: Recall

7) When addressing a conceptual hypothesis, to find reasonable and sound ways to measure a concept is referred to as

- A) validity
- B) reliability
- C) soundness
- D) stability
- E) none of the above

Answer: A

Diff: 1 Page Ref: 14

Skill: Recall

8) If we measured marital stability among three different ethnic groups and had similar values from those measure then we can say those measures show good

- A) validity
- B) reliability
- C) stability
- D) fidelity
- E) none of the above

Answer: B

Diff: 1 Page Ref: 14

Skill: Recall

9) When doing research, the variable or concept we are concerned with as an outcome such as child outcome, is referred to as our

- A) independent variable
- B) control variable
- C) dependent variable
- D) moderating variable
- E) input variable

Answer: C

Diff: 2 Page Ref: 14

Skill: Applied

10) When we take a research concept and turn into terms with measurable qualities, we refer to this as

- A) measuring
- B) metrics
- C) operationalization
- D) constructs
- E) none of the above

Answer: C

Diff: 1 Page Ref: 17

Skill: Recall

11) What are the social norms by which a family is defined?

- A) Descent
- B) Reproduction
- C) Socialization of the Young
- D) All of the above
- E) None of the above

Answer: D

Diff: 1 Page Ref: 19

Skill: Recall

12) The family one is born into is called the

- A) family of orientation
- B) family of Procreation
- C) kinship Family
- D) family of Record
- E) none of the above

Answer: A

Diff: 1 Page Ref: 20

Skill: Recall

13) As one enters adulthood, one forms a second family called

- A) family of orientation
- B) family of procreation
- C) kinship family
- D) family of record
- E) none of the above

Answer: B

Diff: 1 Page Ref: 20

Skill: Recall

14) Kinship systems are used to organize

- A) marriage
- B) social Status
- C) inheritance
- D) property
- E) all of the above

Answer: E

Diff: 1 Page Ref: 21

Skill: Recall

15) There are many societies that reckon their kin through only one side of the family or the other. The two major forms of this descent are called:

- A) matrilineal and patrilineal
- B) matriarchal and patriarchal
- C) modern and traditional
- D) all of the above
- E) none of the above

Answer: A

Diff: 1 Page Ref: 21

Skill: Recall

16) Globalization and modernization affect the way that families deal with inheritances in the following way: Focus has shifted from

- A) from family estates or farms to parent sponsored education of children
- B) physical capital to human capital
- C) kin investment in marriage to individual romantic choice in marriage
- D) all of the above
- E) none of the above

Answer: D

Diff: 1 Page Ref: 21

Skill: Recall

17) Persephone and Ajax have just gotten married. Their Greek culture encourages matrilineal residence patterns. As a result, they will be living

- A) near the bride's family
- B) near the groom's family
- C) wherever they want
- D) near the bride's uncle's family
- E) none of the above

Answer: A

Diff: 1 Page Ref: 22

Skill: Recall

18) Pavol and Branka have just gotten married. Their Slovakian culture encourages patrilineal residence patterns. As a result, they will be living

- A) near the bride's family
- B) near the groom's family
- C) wherever they want
- D) near the bride's uncle's family
- E) none of the above

Answer: B

Diff: 1 Page Ref: 21

Skill: Recall

19) Chloe and James have just gotten married. Their modern culture encourages neolocal residence patterns. As a result, they will be living:

- A) wherever they want
- B) near the bride's family
- C) near the groom's family
- D) near the bride's uncle's family
- E) none of the above

Answer: A

Diff: 1 Page Ref: 21

Skill: Recall

20) An individual is married to more than one spouse. That person must be practicing

- A) monogamy
- B) polygamy
- C) polyandry
- D) polygyny
- E) polyamorous

Answer: B

Diff: 1 Page Ref: 22

Skill: Applied

21) The rules of _ determine who ones relatives are

- A) marriage
- B) authority
- C) residence
- D) descent
- E) relations

Answer: A

Diff: 1 Page Ref: 22

Skill: Recall

22) A society that is male-dominated is referred to as

- A) patriarchal
- B) matriarchal
- C) patricentric
- D) neo-liberal
- E) all of the above

Answer: A

Diff: 1 Page Ref: 22

Skill: Recall

23) A statement that relates one concept to another concept is called a

- A) theory
- B) hypothesis
- C) variable
- D) construct
- E) proposition

Answer: E

Diff: 1 Page Ref: 27

Skill: Recall

24) Two propositions that are logically related compose a

- A) theory
- B) hypothesis
- C) variable
- D) construct
- E) proposition

Answer: A

Diff: 1 Page Ref: 27

Skill: Recall

25) A social rule followed by most people in a group and that is sufficiently common so as to be an expectation is referred to as a

- A) social fact
- B) social truth
- C) social reality
- D) social norm
- E) social stigma

Answer: D

Diff: 1 Page Ref: 27

Skill: Recall

1.2 True or False

1) The better our definition of what we are to observe is, the better our observation and knowledge will be.

Answer: TRUE

Diff: 1 Page Ref: 2

Skill: Recall

2) Definitions are social constructions that confer status and legitimacy for the group involved.

Answer: TRUE

Diff: 1 Page Ref: 3

Skill: Recall

3) The family is the only form of social group whose membership is achieved through the *sexual bond* of same-generation adults (marriage) and *biological reproduction* (offspring).

Answer: TRUE

Diff: 1 Page Ref: 6

Skill: Recall

4) Definitions are the concluding point of theory.

Answer: FALSE

Diff: 1 Page Ref: 11

Skill: Recall

5) The initial step in the research process is to develop a research question.

Answer: TRUE

Diff: 1 Page Ref: 13

Skill: Recall

6) In most social sciences experiments are relatively straightforward to conduct, and the ideal of random assignment is expected of good research in the real social world.

Answer: FALSE

Diff: 1 Page Ref: 15

Skill: Applied

7) Research definitions provide general direction and may be loosely stated

Answer: FALSE

Diff: 1 Page Ref: 17

Skill: Recall

8) Dynamic theory and research focuses on the processes that assist us in understanding how the pieces of information fit in the larger picture of social change.

Answer: TRUE

Diff: 1 Page Ref: 18

Skill: Recall

9) Kinship systems are not just systems for organizing descent: they preceded governments and laws and were the original sources for social organization.

Answer: TRUE

Diff: 1 Page Ref: 21

Skill: Recall

10) For the first time in Canadian history, unmarried people outnumber married people.

Answer: TRUE

Diff: 1 Page Ref: 25

1.3 Short Answer

1) What is a definition? Illustrate with one example from the text.

Answer: Refer to pages 6-7

Diff: 3 Page Ref: 6-7

Skill: Applied

2) List and define the four types of definitions of family and marriage presented in the text.

Answer: Refer to pages 8-12

Diff: 3 Page Ref: 8-12

Skill: Applied

3) Construct a simple proposition involving family variables and explain the reasoning behind your answer.

Answer: Refer to page 13.

Diff: 3 Page Ref: 13

Skill: Applied

4) Why is the random assignment of variables within a study challenging for those who research the family?

Answer: Refer to page 15.

Diff: 3 Page Ref: 15

Skill: Applied

5) Operationalize the concept of marital satisfaction with an emphasis on making it easy to measure.

Answer: Refer to page 17

Diff: 3 Page Ref: 17

Skill: Applied

6) The structure of kinship is maintained across successive generations by norms and social rules. List in detail the four social norms focused on in the text.

Answer: Refer to page 22.

Diff: 3 Page Ref: 22

Skill: Applied