

Women Across Cultures: A Global Perspective, 4e (Burn)

Chapter 2 Women's Lower Status and Power

1) Social activists focus on reforming legal and justice systems that allow the violation of women's rights. As of 2005, which of the following issues is NOT included in the work of women's rights activists?

- A) increasing women's legal literacy
- B) fighting for women's suffrage in countries where men have the right to vote
- C) ensuring that law enforcement is responsive to crimes against women
- D) trying to get laws passed that guarantee women legal standing and equal rights

Answer: B

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2) In the context of the higher status of boys and men, polyandry is defined as the practice where:

- A) girls marry early.
- B) women are wedded in nonconsensual bride kidnappings.
- C) prenatal technologies are used to prenatally choose boys.
- D) brothers share wives.

Answer: D

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3) Honor killing is a tradition whereby a man is obliged to kill a close female blood relative if she does something to dishonor her family. Which of the following statements about honor killing is false?

- A) Women are commonly targeted for honor killing when they neglect to wear makeup.
- B) Women may be targeted for honor killing if they choose to date without parental approval.
- C) Honor killings occur in both North America and Europe.
- D) Women may be targeted for honor killing if it is suspected that they have been raped.

Answer: A

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4) _____ objectifies women by reducing them to sex; this _____ incites violence against women and reduces them to commodities for market exchange.

- A) Sexual exploitation; sexual objectification
- B) Sexual objectification; sexual exploitation
- C) Normative rape; non-normative rape
- D) Non-normative rape; normative rape

Answer: A

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5) In the context of women and girls as objects and property, the best predictor of early marriage is:

- A) religion.
- B) education.
- C) gender.
- D) poverty.

Answer: D

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6) In the context of crimes against women, the recruitment, transportation, harboring, or receipt of people for the purposes of slavery, forced labor, and servitude is known as:

- A) trafficking.
- B) perjury.
- C) stalking.
- D) embezzlement.

Answer: A

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7) _____ consists of money or goods paid by a bride's family to the groom or his family, mostly in the countries of Southeast Asia.

- A) Bridewealth
- B) A bride price
- C) A dowry
- D) Lobala

Answer: C

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8) When wives are murdered by their husbands or in-laws for dowry purposes, it is called dowry murder. Dowry murder usually occurs under all of these circumstances, EXCEPT which of the following?

- A) A bride's family is unable to provide the agreed upon dowry.
- B) The bride fails to produce a son.
- C) The husband's family wants to get another dowry from a new bride.
- D) The husband realizes that he and his wife are not romantically compatible.

Answer: D

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9) Which of the following statements is NOT applicable to forced marriage?

- A) It is considered acceptable and appropriate in some cultures.
- B) One or both of the partners cannot give free or valid consent to the marriage.
- C) It primarily affects young women and girls.
- D) Coercion and deception are often absent.

Answer: D

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10) As of 2012, all countries that allowed men to vote had granted women the same right.

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11) Sex trafficking is the second most commonly identified form of human trafficking.

Answer: FALSE

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12) Despite the hard work of activists, less than 50 percent of all countries recognized by the UN have enacted domestic violence laws.

Answer: FALSE

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13) While there are still more poor women than poor men worldwide, the gap has closed immensely in the past decade.

Answer: FALSE

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14) Due to what is known as son preference, families in many countries value male children over female children. This often results in the purposeful killing, abandonment, and/or neglect of female infants. However, the ratio of males to females in these countries has remained surprisingly stable.

Answer: FALSE

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15) It is estimated that pimps control 80 to 95 percent of prostitution.

Answer: TRUE

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16) In some countries, bride kidnapping has developed as a way for poor men to avoid paying the bride price, which involves the groom giving money, goods, or livestock to the parents of the bride in return for her hand. However, even in countries where bride price is common, bride kidnapping is still extremely rare.

Answer: FALSE

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17) Non-normative rape is rape that is both against a woman's will and in violation of social norms.

Answer: TRUE

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18) In some places, laws granting equal rights to women do not actually ensure that gender equality exists in practice. Explain some of the reasons why this is the case, and discuss any steps you feel might be taken to help alleviate this concern.

Answer: Referring to the textbook, students should briefly discuss some of the reasons why laws protecting women do not always equate to gender equality. They should then present any relevant ideas they have regarding this matter that might help to promote practical and constructive change (answers will vary).

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19) Discuss the factors that have contributed to many countries having imbalanced sex ratios (i.e., they have significantly more males than females). Can you think of any unintended or unexpected consequences that these imbalances might ultimately lead to?

Answer: Students should discuss the various reasons that have led to imbalanced sex ratios in some countries. Afterward, they should describe any potential consequences that they feel these imbalances might indirectly promote (answers will vary).

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20) Define and provide at least three examples of violence against women. According to the text, intersectionality influences the experience of gendered violence. What does this mean?

Answer: Students should define and provide three (or more) examples of violence against women. Subsequently, they should explain how intersectionality (or the interplay between different social categories) can influence the experience of this violence (answers will vary).

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21) You have learned that there are six main reasons why rape is of concern to feminists. One of these reasons is presented as follows in the text: "The fact that men can and do rape women, whereas the reverse is rarely true, intimidates women and gives power to men." What is meant by this statement? Do you agree with it? Explain your answer.

Answer: Students should explain the meaning of the provided excerpt, and they should discuss in detail whether or not they feel that it is accurate (answers will vary).

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