

Chapter 01: Studying Human Sexuality: An Introduction

Multiple Choice Questions

1. _____ inform us about the physiological mechanisms of sexual arousal and response.

- A) Biologists
- B) Psychologists
- C) Anthropologists
- D) Sociologists

Difficulty: 1

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Skill: Recall / Concept

Objective: LO 1.1

Answer: A) Biologists

2. **Meaney and Rye (2007)** argue that learning about one's own sexual likes and dislikes can lead to

- A) sexual self-actualization.
- B) a greater probability of conception.
- C) sexual selfishness.
- D) more frequent masturbation.

Difficulty: 1

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Skill: Recall / Concept

Objective: LO 1.1

Answer: A) sexual self-actualization.

3. **Which of the following is an example of gender roles?**

- A) anatomical differences between male and female sexual anatomy
- B) cultural expectations that males, but not females, initiate sexual contact
- C) political freedom to self-identify as heterosexual, homosexual, or bisexual
- D) taboos prohibiting male–male or female–female sexual activities

Difficulty: 2

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Skill: Application

Objective: LO 1.1

Answer: B) cultural expectations that males, but not females, initiate sexual contact

4. In which of the following scenarios would sex be considered a leisure activity, according to Meaney and Rye (2007)?

- A) Julie voluntarily engages in sex with a casual acquaintance
- B) Frank has sex with his wife because he feels that it is his obligation
- C) David is a sex worker who accepts both male and female clients
- D) Emma has had sex in exchange for money on only one occasion

Difficulty: 2

QuestionID: 01-1-04

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Skill: Application

Objective: LO 1.1

Answer: A) Julie voluntarily engages in sex with a casual acquaintance

5. _____ examine cross-cultural similarities and differences in sexual behaviour is

- A) Medical doctors
- B) Anthropologists
- C) Psychologists
- D) Sociologists

Difficulty: 1

QuestionID: 01-1-05

Page-Reference: 3

Skill: Recall / Concept

Objective: LO 1.1

Answer: B) Anthropologists

6. A leading organization in Canada that promotes sexuality research and education is

- A) the Sex Information and Education Council of Canada.
- B) the Canadian Association of Sex Educators, Counsellors and Therapists.
- C) the Canadian Society for the Study of Sexuality.
- D) the Canadian Association of Sexual Health Promotion.

Difficulty: 1

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Page-Reference: 3

Skill: Recall / Concept

Objective: LO 1.1

Answer: A) the Sex Information and Education Council of Canada.

7. What did Messenger observe was the norm in Inis Beag?

- A) women who found sex to be pleasurable were revered
- B) women were always the initiator of sex
- C) married couples engaged in sex with their undergarments on
- D) men did whatever they could to prolong ejaculation

Difficulty: 1

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Skill: Recall / Concept

Objective: LO 1.2

Answer: C) married couples engaged in sex with their undergarments on

8. What did Marshall observe was the norm in Mangaia?

- A) adolescent boys were expected to engage in sex with older men in the community
- B) boys and girls were discouraged from engaging in sexual play and masturbation
- C) adolescent boys, but not girls, were encouraged to have sexual relationships before marriage
- D) boys were given a two-week course of instruction on techniques of sexual behaviour at around age 13

Difficulty: 1

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Skill: Recall / Concept

Objective: LO 1.2

Answer: D) boys were given a two-week course of instruction on techniques of sexual behaviour at around age 13

9. According to the textbook, _____ is vital to resolving conflicts and establishing healthy relationships.

- A) respect
- B) education
- C) passion
- D) pleasure

Difficulty: 1

QuestionID: 01-1-09

Page-Reference: 6

Skill: Recall / Concept

Objective: LO 1.2

Answer: A) respect

10. According to (Statistics Canada, 2017b), what percentage of Canadians were immigrants in 2016?

- A) 10%
- B) 22%
- C) 30%
- D) 41%

Difficulty: 1

QuestionID: 01-1-10

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Skill: Recall / Concept

Objective: LO 1.2

Answer: B) 22%

11. Imagine two relatively isolated populations on opposite sides of the world. An anthropologist finds that one population is relatively sexually conservative, whereas the other population endorses personal sexual freedom.

What factor might account for the differences in sexual attitudes and behaviours between these two populations?

- A) latitude
- B) nutrition
- C) culture
- D) biology

Difficulty: 1

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Skill: Application

Objective: LO 1.2

Answer: C) culture

12. When looking at Canadian society and sexuality, one of the most notable changes in the Canadian mosaic is

- A) an increase in liberal attitudes since the early 90s.
- B) the dramatic increase in the proportion of visible minorities.
- C) the addition of a variety of less conservative sexual practices.
- D) the significant increase of mixed marriage—i.e., marriage between people of different ethnicities.

Difficulty: 1

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Skill: Recall / Concept

Objective: LO 1.3

Answer: B) the dramatic increase in the proportion of visible minorities.

13. Some Canadians have their male children circumcised at a young age. Some immigrants to Canada disagree with this practice on the grounds that children cannot consent to the procedure. This is an example of how immigrants and those born in Canada may differ in their

- A) ethics.
- B) gender roles.
- C) values.
- D) education.

Difficulty: 2

QuestionID: 01-1-13

Page-Reference: 8

Skill: Application

Objective: LO 1.3

Answer: C) values.

14. When it comes to sexual activities, children of immigrant parents in Canada

- A) tend to leave their traditional cultural value systems and adopt the values of Canadian society.
- B) are more likely to participate in risky behaviour due to limited education.
- C) tend to be very similar to Canadian children of the same age.
- D) often get caught in a cultural clash between the traditional values of their parents and the more permissive values of Canadian society.

Difficulty: 1

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Skill: Recall / Concept

Objective: LO 1.3

Answer: D) often get caught in a cultural clash between the traditional values of their parents and the more permissive values of Canadian society.

15. When examining sexual attitudes within societies that have greater gender equality, we would expect to find that

- A) sexual pleasure is viewed as being as important for women as it is for men.
- B) many women will view sex as a marital duty to their husbands.
- C) sexual activity is driven by reproductive goals, rather than by pleasure.
- D) overall, sexual satisfaction will be lower than in other societies.

Difficulty: 2

QuestionID: 01-1-15

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Skill: Recall / Concept

Objective: LO 1.4

Answer: A) sexual pleasure is viewed as being as important for women as it is for men.

16. In June 2017, the Trudeau liberal government passed Bill C-16, an amendment to _____, making it illegal to discriminate based on gender identity and gender expression.

- A) the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms
- B) Canada's Human Rights Act
- C) the Canadian Guidelines for Sexual Health Education
- D) Canada's criminal code

Difficulty: 1

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Skill: Recall / Concept

Objective: LO 1.4

Answer: B) Canada's Human Rights Act

17. When comparing Canada to the United States with respect to sexual attitudes and behaviours, it is important to

- A) take into account social and demographic differences.
- B) focus on similarities before differences.
- C) also consider attitudes and behaviours in other English-speaking countries.
- D) consider differences in the structure of government.

Difficulty: 1

QuestionID: 01-1-17

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Skill: Recall / Concept

Objective: LO 1.4

Answer: A) take into account social and demographic differences.

18. Research described in the textbook indicates that Canadians are somewhat more liberal than Americans with respect to

- A) pornography.
- B) premarital sex.
- C) polygamy.
- D) contraception.

Difficulty: 1

QuestionID: 01-1-18

Page-Reference: 13

Skill: Recall / Concept

Objective: LO 1.4

Answer: B) premarital sex.

19. If you wanted to conduct a study of how Canadians differ from Americans on the issue of same-sex marriage, an important factor to consider would be how Canada and the United States differ in the importance given to

- A) religion.
- B) economics.
- C) politics.
- D) gender roles.

Difficulty: 1

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Skill: Recall / Concept

Objective: LO 1.4

Answer: A) religion.

20. When looking at issues related to sex and politics, Canadian politicians have largely maintained a separation between religion and state. The document that provides support for this approach is

- A) the Statistics Canada Census.
- B) the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.
- C) the Criminal Code of Canada.
- D) the Parliament Act.

Difficulty: 1

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Page-Reference: 13

Skill: Recall / Concept

Objective: LO 1.4

Answer: B) the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

21. Ling wants to wait until she is married to have sex, because her religion prohibits premarital sex. According to Meany and Rye (2007), which ethical framework is this an example of?

- A) community
- B) autonomy
- C) divinity
- D) pluralism

Difficulty: 2

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Skill: Application

Objective: LO 1.5

Answer: C) divinity

22. Imagine a hypothetical country where it is illegal to have sex without a condom, on the grounds that sexually transmitted infections pose a health risk to the population at large. Which ethical framework does this example most closely reflect?

- A) community
- B) sovereignty
- C) divinity
- D) autonomy

Difficulty: 2

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Skill: Application

Objective: LO 1.5

Answer: A) community

23. If Hans concludes that it is okay for him to satisfy his own sexual needs as long as it does not interfere with the rights of others, he is using the ethics of

- A) autonomy.
- B) divinity.
- C) phenomenology.
- D) community.

Difficulty: 2

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Page-Reference: 16

Skill: Application

Objective: LO 1.5

Answer: A) autonomy.

24. **Maticka-Tyndale and Smylie (2008) argue that a potentially effective approach to promoting the sexual rights of people around the world is to focus on**

- A) broader international human-rights commitments.
- B) developing global protocols for condom distribution.
- C) promoting sexual rights on a country-by-country basis.
- D) linking international aid to an agreement to grant sexual rights.

Difficulty: 1

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Page-Reference: 16

Skill: Recall / Concept

Objective: LO 1.5

Answer: A) broader international human-rights commitments.

25. **Janice believes that sex partners should be honest with each other about their sexual histories, and should also take equal responsibility for safe sex practices. According to sociologist Ira Reiss, Janice's beliefs reflect the concept of**

- A) utilitarianism.
- B) sexual pluralism.
- C) divinity.
- D) community.

Difficulty: 2

QuestionID: 01-1-25

Page-Reference: 14

Skill: Application

Objective: LO 1.5

Answer: B) sexual pluralism.

26. **The World Association for Sexual Health (WAS) stresses that sexual rights are grounded in _____**

- A) autonomy.
- B) community.
- C) universal human rights.
- D) freedom.

Difficulty: 1

QuestionID: 01-1-26

Page-Reference: 17

Skill: Recall / Concept

Objective: LO 1.5

Answer: C) universal human rights.

27. **When people think critically, they**

- A) remain skeptical of any behaviour differing from their own.
- B) maintain an open mind.
- C) criticize abnormal behaviour.
- D) are being narrow-minded.

Difficulty: 1

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Skill: Application

Objective: LO 1.6

Answer: B) maintain an open mind.

28. A friend tells Salima that if she starts the birth control pill too early, she could eventually become infertile. If Salima uses the principles of critical thinking, she will

- A) accept what her friend told her.
- B) challenge what she was told and evaluate the premises of the information and its logic.
- C) not begin taking the birth control pill and wait until new information is published.
- D) agree with the statement as it is a commonly held belief.

Difficulty: 2

QuestionID: 01-1-28

Page-Reference: 17

Skill: Application

Objective: LO 1.6

Answer: B) challenge what she was told and evaluate the premises of the information and its logic.

29. The textbook examines multiple perspectives on human sexuality because

- A) scientists have not yet established which perspective is most valid.
- B) no single perspective on sexuality captures all of its nuances.
- C) each perspective is incompatible with at least one other.
- D) biological perspectives cannot explain any aspect of sexual behaviour.

Difficulty: 1

QuestionID: 01-1-29

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Skill: Recall / Concept

Objective: LO 1.7

Answer: B) no single perspective on sexuality captures all of its nuances.

30. Which of the following is an example of polygamy?

- A) a woman divorces her first husband and then marries another man
- B) a man has two children, and each child is from a different mother
- C) a man is married to three different women at the same time
- D) a brother and sister get married to each other in adulthood

Difficulty: 2

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Skill: Application

Objective: LO 1.7

Answer: C) a man is married to three different women at the same time