

**Test Bank for Aging and The Life Course: An Introduction to Social Gerontology - -
Quadagno - Chapter 01 The Field of Social Gerontology**

- 1) Which of the following is not part of the definition of senescence?
 - A) It is the application of evolutionary principles to understand decline in old age.
 - B) Death is a part of the process of natural selection.
 - C) Death is a way to weed out worn-out members of a population.
 - D) Old age can be a period of renewal and increased wisdom.

- 2) A subfield of gerontology is:
 - A) scientology.
 - B) social gerontology.
 - C) sociology.
 - D) social work.

- 3) Which of the following is not a factor associated with successful aging?
 - A) setting goals and working to achieve them
 - B) participating in meaningful activities
 - C) adopting a lifestyle to reach maximum level of functioning
 - D) accepting compulsory retirement

- 4) Social gerontologists are concerned mainly with the _____ of aging.
 - A) physical component
 - B) biological component
 - C) social component
 - D) financial component

- 5) Which of the following statements is true about the frail elderly?
 - A) They are predominantly engaged in the life of the community.
 - B) They are usually mentally and physically fit.
 - C) They have no chronic health conditions.
 - D) Need help from others for carrying out their daily activities.

- 6) A good example of functional age is:
 - A) a person between the ages of 65-74.
 - B) retiring from one's employment at 48.
 - C) at the age of 58, no longer being able to run 20 miles.
 - D) classifying oneself as "old" or "elderly."

**Test Bank for Aging and The Life Course: An Introduction to Social Gerontology - -
Quadagno - Chapter 01 The Field of Social Gerontology**

- 7) Which of the following is not an example of chronological age?
- A) young-old at 65-74
 - B) becoming a grandfather
 - C) middle-old 75-84
 - D) oldest-old 85 and older
- 8) Chronological age poses a problem in social gerontology because it:
- A) is a subjective factor.
 - B) lumps people of different generations together.
 - C) can be a good predictor of old age.
 - D) is a specific point in a person's life.
- 9) Which of the following statements is true about subjective age identity?
- A) It has no relationship with the gender of an individual.
 - B) It appears to be influenced by the social class of an individual.
 - C) It is the accurate description of an individual's functional age.
 - D) It typically categorizes people into the well elderly, the impaired elderly, and the frail elderly.
- 10) Mrs. Martin recently became a grandmother. The best term to define the change in her life is:
- A) social role.
 - B) functional age.
 - C) chronological age.
 - D) subjective age.
- 11) Which of the following is not one of the functional categories devised by gerontologists?
- A) well elderly
 - B) somewhat impaired elderly
 - C) employed elderly
 - D) frail elderly
- 12) Functional age may be measured by:
- A) no longer being able to drive.
 - B) diminished long-term memory.
 - C) speech defect.
 - D) level of activity.
-
-

**Test Bank for Aging and The Life Course: An Introduction to Social Gerontology - -
Quadagno - Chapter 01 The Field of Social Gerontology**

- 13) Why do women tend to associate more negative connotations with aging than do men?
- A) Women, on average, die earlier than men.
 - B) Women are evaluated on physical attractiveness and reproductive potential, and aging affects both.
 - C) Women lose mental capacity as they age more quickly than men.
 - D) Men think they get better looking with age so they don't mind it as much.
- 14) Gerontologists define a "cohort" as the:
- A) study of family processes.
 - B) actual number of years lived by a group of people.
 - C) average number of years lived by a group of people.
 - D) aggregate of individuals who experience the same event within the same time interval.
- 15) Which of the following birth cohorts is the best educated and most diverse of any generation?
- A) baby boomers
 - B) generation X
 - C) the millennials
 - D) the silent generation
- 16) Identify an accurate statement about the millennials.
- A) They are commonly known as the swing generation.
 - B) They were born before Generation X.
 - C) They are more likely to be unemployed or underemployed.
 - D) They are the least connected generation in the entire human history.
- 17) Cohort aging refers to:
- A) people in different historical eras.
 - B) people 85 and over.
 - C) distinctive experiences which cohort members share.
 - D) the continuous advancement of a cohort to one age category to another over the life span.

**Test Bank for Aging and The Life Course: An Introduction to Social Gerontology - -
Quadagno - Chapter 01 The Field of Social Gerontology**

- 18) A feature of the baby boomer cohort is that:
- A) it was the product of a spike in births that began at the end of World War II.
 - B) it was confronted with an environment that was less competitive than the environment their parents encountered.
 - C) it was the cohort that was more educated than the millennials.
 - D) it was the cohort that had the best connectivity among other cohort groups.
- 19) The term "ageism" refers to:
- A) a composite of ideas and beliefs attached to people as a group or category.
 - B) avert or hostile attitudes directed toward a group of people.
 - C) overt action directed toward a group of older people.
 - D) systematic stereotyping of and discrimination against people because they are old.
- 20) Which of the following is not included in the Age Discrimination in Employment Act?
- A) workers cannot be fired on the basis of race or gender.
 - B) employers may not fire older workers without good cause.
 - C) employers may not demote older workers without good cause.
 - D) hiring decisions should not be made on the basis of age.
- 21) All of the following are examples of the double standard of aging by gender except:
- A) men are more likely to be evaluated for their sexual appeal and women for emotional support.
 - B) men are more likely to be independent and self-reliant than women.
 - C) aging in women is less attractive than for men.
 - D) women are more likely to use cosmetic techniques to conceal their age than men.
- 22) All of the following are examples of online age discrimination except:
- A) Some employers only advertise on web sites available to college students.
 - B) Some employers use drop down menus in job ads that exclude older people.
 - C) Some employers weed out older job applicants by requiring references from three previous jobs.
 - D) Using Facebook to restrict job ads to younger people
- 23) A fact about aging is that:
- A) most retirees are busy, active, and satisfied with their working lives.
 - B) more than 80 percent of people 65 and older live in nursing homes.
 - C) older men and women spend only 10 percent of their lives free of disability.
 - D) people become extremely mellow as they grow old.
-
-

**Test Bank for Aging and The Life Course: An Introduction to Social Gerontology - -
Quadagno - Chapter 01 The Field of Social Gerontology**

- 24) Which of the following is not a stereotype of older adults?
- A) The aged are isolated from family members.
 - B) Most older people are disabled.
 - C) The majority of men and women retire before age 70.
 - D) The aged are politically powerful.
- 25) Which group has the highest income in old age?
- A) unmarried people
 - B) married couples
 - C) women living alone
 - D) men living alone
- 26) Which of the following statements is true about education?
- A) High school completion rates are the same across different ethnic groups.
 - B) Younger minorities are much more likely than their elders to have a college degree.
 - C) The educational gap by race and ethnicity is ever widening.
 - D) Each succeeding generation has less education opportunities than the generation that preceded it.
- 27) Social gerontology is a subfield of gerontology, concerned primarily with the social aspects of aging.
- true
 - false
- 28) Most measures of functional age focus on characteristics that decline with age, such as eyesight.
- true
 - false
- 29) The most important factors in subjective age identity are chronological age and being retired.
- true
 - false
- 30) An example of age cohort would include all college freshmen.
- true
 - false
-
-

**Test Bank for Aging and The Life Course: An Introduction to Social Gerontology - -
Quadagno - Chapter 01 The Field of Social Gerontology**

- 31) The millennials are less likely than other generations to hold liberal attitudes toward controversial issues such as gay marriage.
- true
 - false
- 32) People who were born during the Depression are members of the "Swing Cohort."
- true
 - false
- 33) There is little variation in cohorts by gender or ethnic composition.
- true
 - false
- 34) Age discrimination is rare in the health care system.
- true
 - false
- 35) Older workers rarely feel that they have not been given opportunities for advancement.
- true
 - false
- 36) One study found that many Facebook posts included negative stereotypes about older people.
- true
 - false
- 37) Older people often face discrimination in the workplace.
- true
 - false
- 38) Men are more likely to be widowed than women.
- true
 - false
- 39) Younger minorities are less likely than their elders to have a college degree.
- true
 - false
-
-