

*Early Childhood Education Today, 14e (Morrison)*

**Chapter 2 Current Issues and Public Policy: Contemporary Influences on Children and Families**

2.1 Multiple Choice Questions

1) Currently, the federal poverty level is \_\_\_\_\_ for a family of four.

- A) \$32,000
- B) \$40,000
- C) \$24,000
- D) \$18,000

Answer: C

2) Children whose parents are unemployed are at an increased risk for experiencing all of the following EXCEPT \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) Poverty
- B) Homelessness
- C) Child abuse
- D) Cultural diversity

Answer: D

3) Socioeconomic status (SES) consists of three interrelated measures: \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) Parents' education levels, parents' employment status, and family income
- B) Family income, ethnic origin, and literacy skills
- C) Parents' education levels, cultural backgrounds, and frequency of school visits
- D) Ethnic origins, location of residence, and ability to speak English

Answer: A

4) Funding for schools is determined by \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) School fund raisers and property taxes
- B) Standardized test results and property taxes
- C) The number of minorities in schools and standardized test results
- D) The percentage of children living in poverty and property taxes

Answer: D

5) Kendra and Jaime have a family with two girls. They are well-read parents and are very concerned about the gender achievement gap. Tonight they are attending the school/family meeting to find out how the school is handling this situation. All of the following statements are true about the gender achievement gap EXCEPT which one?

- A) There is a high participation gap in math and science subjects between the genders.
- B) The gender achievement gap has created a shortage of girls in STEM-related classes.
- C) The family income level is the most important issue in gender related issues.
- D) There is a belief that science, math, and athletic based classes are considered to be "masculine" subjects.

Answer: C

6) Amanda and Toni chose not to get married, but are living together as life partners. They are raising Toni's two children from a previous marriage. This scenario is a description of how families are changing in \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) Roles
- B) Definitions
- C) Logistics
- D) Structure

Answer: D

7) Many hospitals and community colleges are providing courses and seminars to support fathers in preparing them for the joys and responsibilities of fathering. They are doing this because \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) Many men feel unprepared for fatherhood
- B) Court cases are proving the significance of fatherhood
- C) It is the 21<sup>st</sup> Century award requirement
- D) Fathers are the head of most middle class families

Answer: A

8) \_\_\_\_\_ is the most prevalent chronic disease in children and adults.

- A) Asthma
- B) Allergic reactions
- C) Lead poisoning
- D) Dental caries

Answer: A

9) Teachers can reduce the effects of asthma in the classroom by doing the following EXCEPT \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) Reducing or eliminating carpeting
- B) Use fragrant air fresheners daily
- C) Wipe down all classroom surfaces daily
- D) Regularly change air conditioner filters

Answer: B

10) Exposure to \_\_\_\_\_ can lead to low IQs, short attention spans, hyperactivity, learning disabilities, and behavioral problems.

- A) Lead
- B) Mold
- C) Allergens
- D) Cleaning fluids

Answer: A

11) Toys, furniture, and products manufactured overseas may contain \_\_\_\_\_ and need to be checked before use by children.

- A) Mercury
- B) Ammonia
- C) Hydroxy acids
- D) Lead

Answer: D

12) The belief that one particular race is better than or superior to others is known as \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) Supremacy
- B) Bullying
- C) Racism
- D) Cultural hierarchy

Answer: C

13) Longview elementary school uses the "talk, walk, and squawk" method to prevent bullying. In this method, children are taught to do the following when confronted by a bully.

- A) Shout out a signal and walk to the nearest teacher and tell him/her to get adult support.
- B) Walk in groups, talk to each other, and shout out a warning signal if bullying occurs.
- C) Verbally stand up for themselves, walk away-but do not run as it might intensify the bullying-and to tell a teacher.
- D) Talk calmly to the bully using short phrases, walk away and if necessary run to safety, and write an incident report.

Answer: B

14) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 addresses \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) Giving equal opportunities to boys and girls
- B) Reducing childhood obesity
- C) Federal assessment guidelines
- D) Guidelines for students with disabilities

Answer: A

15) Mrs. Jones has noticed a student acting oddly and is concerned. He seems afraid, has had odd bruises, and does not want to go home after school. Mrs. Jones shared this information with the principal and he said he would "take care of it." Mrs. Jones should \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) Report to Child Protective Services
- B) Respect her principal's wishes but monitor the child's behavior
- C) Continue to investigate by questioning the student and taking photos of injuries
- D) Go to the parents to share her concerns

Answer: A

16) Elizabeth does not like a girl in her class so she went on Facebook and posted that she was a trashy pig and a thief. This action is \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) Typical for children today
- B) Of no concern to the school
- C) Blogging
- D) Cyberbullying

Answer: D

17) In addition to the guidelines for teaching children with special needs set by NAEYC, educators should also consult guidelines from \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) Division of Early Childhood and the Council for Exceptional Children
- B) No Child Left Behind
- C) Public Law 93-247
- D) Children with Disabilities Council and Inclusion Council

Answer: A

18) Today in America the New Majority Minorities are primarily \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) Hispanic and Canadian
- B) Latino and Hispanic
- C) Hispanic and Asian
- D) Latino and Eurasian

Answer: B

19) Supporting ELLs in the classroom might be best accomplished by \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) Providing stickers or treats for good behavior
- B) Making sure they are seated close to the other ELLs
- C) Utilizing cooperative learning groups
- D) Making sure they speak English while in school

Answer: C

## 2.2 Essay/Discussion Questions

1) What kinds of actions could you take to help children eat healthier foods and engage in a healthier lifestyle? How would you involve parents?

Answer:

- Provide parents with information about nutrition
- Encourage children to eat breakfast, and encourage parents to provide breakfast for their children
- Counsel parents to pull the plug on television
- Cook with children and talk about foods and their nutritional value
- Integrate literacy and nutritional activities
- Provide opportunities for physical exercise every day

2) What are specific ways you can design classroom conditions to meet the needs of children with special needs?

Answer:

- Create a classroom schedule
- Create routines
- Have a curriculum that is appropriate for everyone
- Develop classroom management skills
- Use different types of grouping
- Arrange the environment for interaction and inclusion
- Establish rules
- Develop transitions with verbal and nonverbal cues