

Santerre/Neun 6e Chapter 2 Test Bank

1. Which of the following best illustrates the law of diminishing marginal utility?
 - a. A physician orders additional exams to provide a more accurate diagnosis.
 - b. A person chooses the most comprehensive health insurance offered every time, regardless of the benefit or cost.
 - c. A patient chooses to visit the dentist twice a year for checkups rather than once a month.
 - d. Congress chooses to continue debating the merits of alternative health policies.
 - e. None of the above.

2. The concept of _____ helps explain why some people choose not to visit their primary care physician every day.
 - a. inseparability
 - b. human capital
 - c. diminishing marginal utility
 - d. process quality
 - e. absolute income hypothesis

3. Which of the following is not a characteristic of medical care that distinguishes it from other goods?
 - a. Investment
 - b. Inventory
 - c. Intangibility
 - d. Inconsistency
 - e. Inseparability

4. _____ can help avoid the problem of diminishing marginal productivity of medical care.
 - a. Increases in the number of physicians
 - b. Increases in the number of nurses
 - c. Advancements in medical technology
 - d. both a and b are correct
 - e. All of the above

5. _____ occurs when more patients are treated by a new medical intervention.
 - a. Income inequality
 - b. Treatment substitution
 - c. Social influence
 - d. Environmental impact
 - e. Treatment expansion

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6. Which of the following is included in the health production function?
- Age
 - State of medical technology
 - Gender
 - Income
 - All of the above
7. The _____ states that distribution of income directly impacts health.
- absolute income hypothesis
 - relative income hypothesis
 - relative position hypothesis
 - income inequality hypothesis
 - absolute position hypothesis
8. The _____ states that an individual's income relative to some social group average impacts health.
- absolute income hypothesis
 - relative income hypothesis
 - relative position hypothesis
 - income inequality hypothesis
 - absolute position hypothesis
9. Which of the following accounts for the greatest number of deaths in the U.S.?
- Chronic lower respiratory diseases
 - Alzheimer's disease
 - Diabetes mellitus
 - Diseases of the heart
 - Malignant neoplasms
10. _____ has been credited as the leading cause of decreases in child mortality during the early twentieth century in the U.S.
- The polio vaccine
 - Improvements in public education
 - Improvements in water quality
 - Medicaid
 - The improving macroeconomy
11. There is a constant relationship between increases in health and utility.
- True
 - False
12. Process quality refers to the physical and human resources of the medical care organization.

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- a. True
 - b. False
13. Advancements in medical technology allow people to obtain greater amounts of health with the same amount of medical care.
- a. True
 - b. False
14. Better macroeconomic conditions have a positive overall impact on health.
- a. True
 - b. False
15. The reduction in the number of reported polio cases was due largely to government health programs.
- a. True
 - b. False

Answers:

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| 1. c | 11. b |
| 2. c | 12. b |
| 3. a | 13. a |
| 4. c | 14. b |
| 5. e | 15. b |
| 6. e | |
| 7. d | |
| 8. b | |
| 9. d | |
| 10. c | |