

Ch 02

Multiple Choice

Identify the choice that best completes the statement or answers the question.

- _____ 1. Mr. Sanchez is a 45-year-old gentleman who has presented to the office for a physical examination to establish a new primary care health care provider. Which of the following describes a physical, not a cultural, differentiator?
- Race
 - Rite
 - Ritual
 - Norm
- _____ 2. Which statement is *true* regarding the relationship of physical characteristics and culture?
- Physical characteristics should be used to identify members of cultural groups.
 - There is a difference between distinguishing cultural characteristics and distinguishing physical characteristics.
 - To be a member of a specific culture, an individual must have certain identifiable physical characteristics.
 - Gender and race are the two essential physical characteristics used to identify cultural groups.
- _____ 3. An image of any group that rejects its potential for originality or individuality is known as a(n):
- acculturation.
 - norm.
 - stereotype.
 - ethnos.
- _____ 4. Mr. L presents to the clinic with severe groin pain and a history of kidney stones. Mr. L's son tells you that for religious reasons, his father wishes to keep any stone that is passed into the urine filter that he has been using. What is your most appropriate response?
- "With your father's permission, we will examine the stone and request that it be returned to him."
 - "The stone must be sent to the lab for examination and therefore cannot be kept."
 - "We cannot let him keep his stone because it violates our infection control policy."
 - "We don't know yet if your father has another kidney stone, so we must analyze this one."
- _____ 5. The motivation of the health care professional to "want to" engage in the process of becoming culturally competent, not "have to," is called:
- cultural knowledge.
 - cultural awareness
 - cultural desire
 - cultural skill.

- ___ 6. Mr. Abdul is a 40-year-old Middle Eastern man who presents to the office for a first visit with the complaint of new abdominal pain. You are concerned about violating a cultural prohibition when you prepare to do his rectal examination. The best tactic would be to:
- forego the examination for fear of violating cultural norms.
 - ask a colleague from the same geographic area if this examination is acceptable.
 - inform the patient of the reason for the examination and ask if it is acceptable to him.
 - refer the patient to a provider more knowledgeable about cultural differences.
- ___ 7. Which statement is *true* regarding the impoverished?
- The morbidity and mortality rates of the impoverished are similar to those of the middle class.
 - The morbidity and mortality rates of the impoverished are higher than those of the middle class.
 - The morbidity and mortality rates of the impoverished are lower than those of the middle class.
 - No reliable statistics exist regarding the relationship of poverty to morbidity and mortality.
- ___ 8. The root of social, political, and economic tragedy is often:
- acceptance of acculturation.
 - cultural attitudes.
 - cultural translation.
 - resistance to change.
- ___ 9. Mr. Marks is a 66-year-old patient who presents for a physical examination to the clinic. Which question has the most potential for exploring a patient's cultural beliefs related to a health problem?
- "How often do you have medical examinations?"
 - "What is your age, race, and educational level?"
 - "What types of symptoms have you been having?"
 - "Why do you think you are having these symptoms?"
- ___ 10. The definition of ill or sick is based on a:
- stereotype.
 - cultural behavior.
 - belief system.
 - cultural attitude.
- ___ 11. Mr. Jones is a 45-year-old patient who presents to the office. A person's definition of illness is likely to be most influenced by:
- race.
 - socioeconomic class.
 - enculturation.
 - age group.
- ___ 12. As the health care provider, you are informing a patient that he or she has a terminal illness. This discussion is most likely to be discouraged in which cultural group?
- Navajo Native Americans

- b. Dominant Americans
 - c. First-generation African descendants
 - d. First-generation European descendants
- ___ 13. A 22-year-old female nurse is interviewing an 86-year-old male patient. The patient avoids eye contact and answers questions only by saying, “Yeah,” “No,” or “I guess so.” Which of the following is appropriate for the interviewer to say or ask?
- a. “We will be able to communicate better if you look at me.”
 - b. “It’s hard for me to gather useful information because your answers are so short.”
 - c. “Are you uncomfortable talking with me?”
 - d. “Does your religion make it hard for you to answer my questions?”
- ___ 14. As you explain your patient’s condition to her husband, you notice that he is leaning toward you and pointedly blinking his eyes. Knowing that he is from England, your most appropriate response to this behavior is to:
- a. tell him that you understand his need to be alone.
 - b. ask whether he has any questions.
 - c. ask whether he would prefer to speak to the clinician.
 - d. tell him that it is all right to be angry.
- ___ 15. An aspect of traditional Western medicine that may be troublesome to many Hispanics, Native Americans, Asians, and Arabs is Western medicine’s attempts to:
- a. use a holistic approach that views a particular medical problem as part of a bigger picture.
 - b. determine a specific cause for every problem in a precise way.
 - c. establish harmony between a person and the entire cosmos.
 - d. restore balance in an individual’s life.
- ___ 16. In a naturalistic or holistic approach to health, an example of a hot symptom would be:
- a. diarrhea.
 - b. an earache.
 - c. a headache.
 - d. a nasal cold.
- ___ 17. An example of a cold condition would be:
- a. a fever.
 - b. a rash.
 - c. tuberculosis.
 - d. an ulcer.
- ___ 18. An example of a cold food is:
- a. cod.
 - b. eggs.
 - c. oil.
 - d. onions.
- ___ 19. Penicillin is considered a:
- a. cold herb.

- b. cold medicine.
 - c. hot medicine.
 - d. lukewarm oil.
- _____ 20. Because of common cultural food preferences, avoidance of monosodium glutamate (MSG) is likely to be most problematic for the hypertensive patient of which group?
- a. Native Americans
 - b. Hispanics
 - c. Chinese
 - d. Italians
- _____ 21. Which maternal factor is most predictive of whether an infant will receive inoculations?
- a. Mother has family support
 - b. Mother is divorced
 - c. Mother received prenatal care
 - d. Mother uses drugs
- _____ 22. Which adolescents are most likely to engage in risky behaviors?
- a. Those who spend large amounts of time watching television and listening to heavy metal music
 - b. Those who represent minority races and/or cultural groups
 - c. Females who represent minority groups
 - d. Those who are of lower socioeconomic status because of limited parental education
- _____ 23. Adolescents most likely to smoke, abuse substances, perform poorly in school, and be depressed are those who are:
- a. from dual-income families.
 - b. from families that emphasize strong religious beliefs.
 - c. from deprived socioeconomic groups.
 - d. unsupervised after school.
- _____ 24. Knowledge of the culture(s) represented by the patient should be used to:
- a. form a sense of the patient.
 - b. help make the interview questions more pertinent.
 - c. form stereotypical categories.
 - d. draw conclusions regarding individual patient needs.
- _____ 25. The attitudes of the health care professional:
- a. are largely irrelevant to the success of relationships with the patient.
 - b. do not influence patient behavior.
 - c. are difficult for the patient to sense.
 - d. are culturally derived.

Multiple Response

Identify one or more choices that best complete the statement or answer the question.

- _____ 1. Which of the following variables can intrude on successful communication? (*Select all that apply.*)
- a. Social class
 - b. Gender
 - c. Stereotype
 - d. Phenotype
 - e. Age

Short Answer

1. In terms of cultural communication differences, Americans are more likely to _____ than are other groups of patients.

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Answer Section

MULTIPLE CHOICE

1. ANS: A

Race is a physical, not a cultural, differentiator. Rite is a prescribed, formal, customary observance. Ritual is a stereotypic behavior regulating religious, social, and professional behaviors. A norm is a prescribed standard of allowable behavior within a group.

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2. ANS: B

Physical characteristics are not used to identify cultural groups; there is a difference between the two, and they are considered separately. Physical characteristics should not be used to identify members of cultural groups. To be a member of a specific culture, an individual does not need to have certain identifiable physical characteristics. You should not confuse physical characteristics with cultural characteristics. Gender and race are physical characteristics, not cultural characteristics, and are not used to identify cultural groups.

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3. ANS: C

A fixed image of any group that rejects its potential for originality or individuality is the definition of stereotype. Acculturation is the process of adopting another culture's behaviors. A norm is a standard of allowable behavior within a group. Ethnos implies the same race or nationality.

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4. ANS: A

We should be willing to modify the delivery of health care in a manner that is respectful and in keeping with the patient's cultural background. "With your father's permission, we will examine the stone and request that it be returned to him" is the most appropriate response. "The stone must be sent to the lab for examination and therefore cannot be kept" and "We don't know yet if your father has another kidney stone, so we must analyze this one" do not support the patient's request. "We cannot let him keep his stone because it violates our infection control policy" does not provide a reason that it would violate an infection control policy.

PTS: 1 DIF: Cognitive Level: Analyzing (Analysis)
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5. ANS: C

Cultural encounters are the continuous process of interacting with patients from culturally diverse backgrounds to validate, refine, or modify existing values, beliefs, and practices about a cultural group and to develop cultural desire, cultural awareness, cultural skill, and cultural knowledge. Cultural awareness is deliberate self-examination and in-depth exploration of one's biases, stereotypes, prejudices, assumptions and “-isms” that one holds about individuals and groups who are different from them. Cultural knowledge is the process of seeking and obtaining a sound educational base about culturally and ethnically diverse groups. Cultural skill is the ability to collect culturally relevant data regarding the patient's presenting problem, as well as accurately performing a culturally based physical assessment in a culturally sensitive manner. Cultural desire is the motivation of the health care professional to want to engage in the process of becoming culturally competent, not have to.

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6. ANS: C

Asking, if you are not sure, is far better than making a damaging mistake. Not completing the examination could cause the patient further harm. Asking a colleague from the same geographic area if this examination is acceptable may not be appropriate. Referring the patient to a provider more knowledgeable about cultural differences at this point is unnecessary.

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7. ANS: B

The morbidity and mortality rates of the impoverished are higher than those of the middle class. The poorly educated and those in poverty die at higher rates than those who are advantaged; the same is true for morbidity.

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8. ANS: D

To protect and maintain our sociopolitical culture, we tend to resist change. This resistance can have negative sociopolitical and economic consequences. Acceptance of acculturation is the process whereby an individual accommodates to the traits of another culture. Cultural attitudes are often vague; however, they do not cause social, political, or economic tragedy. Cultural translation describes a cultural barrier that exists without a language barrier.

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9. ANS: D

“Why do you think you are having these symptoms?” is an open-ended question that avoids stereotyping, is sensitive and respectful toward the individual, and allows for cultural data to be exchanged. The other questions do not explore the patient’s cultural beliefs about health problems.

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10. ANS: C

The definition of ill or sick is based on the individual's belief system and is determined in large part by his or her enculturation.

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11. ANS: C

The definition of illness is determined in large part by the individual's enculturation (the process whereby an individual assumes the traits and behaviors of a given culture).

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12. ANS: A

The Navajo culture believes that thought and language have the power to shape reality; the desire to avoid discussing negative information is particularly strong in this culture.

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13. ANS: C

It is all right to ask if the patient is uncomfortable with any aspect of your person and to talk about it; the other choices are less respectful.

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14. ANS: B

The English worry about being overheard and tend to speak in modulated voices so, when they lean in toward you, they are probably poised to ask a question.

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15. ANS: B

A more scientific approach to health care problem solving, in which a cause can be determined for every problem in a precise way, is a Western approach. Hispanics, Native Americans, Asians, and Arabs embrace a more holistic approach. Using a holistic approach, establishing harmony between a person and the entire cosmos, and restoring balance in an individual's life would not be troublesome to many Hispanics, Native Americans, Asians, and Arabs.

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16. ANS: A
A hot symptom in cultures with a holistic approach is diarrhea.
- PTS: 1 DIF: Cognitive Level: Remembering (Knowledge)
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17. ANS: C
A cold condition in cultures with a holistic approach is tuberculosis.
- PTS: 1 DIF: Cognitive Level: Remembering (Knowledge)
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18. ANS: A
Cod is a cold food. Eggs, oil, and onions are hot foods.
- PTS: 1 DIF: Cognitive Level: Remembering (Knowledge)
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19. ANS: C
Penicillin is an example of a hot medicine.
- PTS: 1 DIF: Cognitive Level: Remembering (Knowledge)
REF: p. 26 OBJ: Nursing process—assessment
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20. ANS: C
The Chinese are most likely to use MSG and soy sauce in their diet.
- PTS: 1 DIF: Cognitive Level: Understanding (Comprehension)
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21. ANS: C
Mothers who take advantage of appropriate prenatal care generally take advantage of other infant care practices.
- PTS: 1 DIF: Cognitive Level: Remembering (Knowledge)
REF: p. 28 OBJ: Nursing process—assessment
MSC: Physiologic Integrity: Physiologic Adaptation
22. ANS: A
Adolescents who spend a lot of time watching television and listening to heavy metal music are more likely than any other group to engage in risky behaviors regardless of race, gender, or parents' education.
- PTS: 1 DIF: Cognitive Level: Remembering (Knowledge)
REF: p. 28 OBJ: Nursing process—assessment
MSC: Physiologic Integrity: Physiologic Adaptation
23. ANS: D
Adolescents who are unsupervised after school are more likely to smoke, abuse substances, perform poorly in school, and be depressed than adolescents in any other situation.

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24. ANS: B

The purpose of understanding the patient's culture(s) is to help the provider construct pertinent questions and avoid stereotyping.

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25. ANS: D

The attitudes of the health care provider are foundationally derived from his or her own culture; understanding this is relevant to the success of patient relationships. Attitudes of the health care professional are easily detected by others, and they influence patient behavior; they are not irrelevant to the success of relationships with the patient; they do influence patient behavior; and they are not difficult for the patient to sense.

PTS: 1 DIF: Cognitive Level: Understanding (Comprehension)
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MULTIPLE RESPONSE

1. ANS: A, B, E

Social class, age, and gender are variables that characterize everyone; they can intrude on successful communication if there is no effort for mutual knowledge and understanding.

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SHORT ANSWER

1. ANS:
come quickly to the point

In the United States, individuals are very direct in conversation and come to the point quickly.

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