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Chapter 01: Making Family Choices in a Changing Society

1. Which of the following is NOT listed by the text as a major family function?

- a. Raising children responsibly
- b. Meeting sexual desires
- c. Providing members with economic and other practical support
- d. Offering emotional security

ANSWER: b

2. As families have become less traditional, the legal definition of a family has

- a. remained the same.
- b. become more rigid.
- c. narrowed to include only married couples and children.
- d. become much more flexible.

ANSWER: d

3. The definition of *family* adopted by the authors of this text includes those who do all of the following EXCEPT

- a. form an economic unit and care for any young.
- b. consider their identity to be significantly attached to the group.
- c. have the same name and background.
- d. commit to maintaining that group over time.

ANSWER: c

4. Those with a family-change perspective view the family as _____.

- a. declining rapidly b. an adaptable institution
- c. a rigid institution d. slowly and steadily getting worse

ANSWER: b

5. Which of the following is attributed to the United States by family-change scholars?

- a. Patriotism as a source of family pride
- b. Declining values in family matters
- c. Inadequate support for families
- d. Rigid traditional ideas of family

ANSWER: c

6. Family _____ theorists posit that today's family forms need to be seen as historically expected adjustments to changing conditions.

- a. decline b. social
- c. change d. marriage

ANSWER: c

7. The text reports that _____ percent of first marriages were preceded by cohabitation.

- a. less than 10 b. about 15
- c. 25 d. more than 50

ANSWER: d

8. Particularly among college-educated women, parenthood is _____.

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- a. not an option b. postponed
- c. embraced early in life d. doubled

ANSWER: b

9. Today, only about _____ percent of American households fit the 1950s nuclear family ideal of a married couple with children, where only the husband is employed.

- a. 5 b. 10
- c. 25 d. 33

ANSWER: a

10. The child population of the United States is _____ racially and ethnically diverse than the adult population.

- a. equally b. more
- c. less d. far less

ANSWER: b

11. What is the impact of communication technologies like e-mail, Skype, and GPS on families?

- a. Technologies force themselves on families. b. The impact is unknown at this time.
- c. Communication technologies change the way families interact. d. Technology increases the amount of face-to-face time together.

ANSWER: c

12. Which of the following is a path young adults took in response to the recession?

- a. Dropped out of school
- b. Opted to have children sooner
- c. Held out for a higher salary
- d. Postponed marriage

ANSWER: d

13. People are influenced by the society around them. Societal or structural conditions can negatively limit or positively _____ our options.

- a. dismiss b. expand
- c. destroy d. belittle

ANSWER: b

14. The text concludes that the best way to make decisions about our personal lives is to make them _____.

- a. by default b. knowledgeably
- c. unconsciously d. by following the path of least resistance

ANSWER: b

15. Deciding about, rather than sliding into, a situation involves looking at the alternatives, not just picking the _____ choice.

- a. acceptable
- b. easiest
- c. basic
- d. difficult

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ANSWER: b

16. Which of the following is NOT one of the steps involved with making knowledgeable choices?

- a. Try to avoid making a decision if possible.
- b. Recognize the social pressures that may influence personal choices.
- c. Consider the consequences of each alternative.
- d. Attempt to clarify your own values.

ANSWER: a

17. If you wanted to make a knowledgeable decision about choosing which class to take,_____.

- a. take the first class that is open and will fit your schedule
- b. find out what your friends are taking, and do the same
- c. wait until the last possible minute, and then let your advisor find a class
- d. look through the catalog at all the possibilities, consider what will benefit you in the future, and register early to get the class you consider best

ANSWER: d

18. What factor may cause a father to make choices about his family by sliding into a decision?

- a. Careful consideration of family needs and personal time
- b. Strong day-to-day pressures on the job cutting into time at home
- c. Remembering how important his wife and children are to him and acting on it
- d. Ignoring the phone, television, and computer in order to talk at the dinner table

ANSWER: b

19. Parents, siblings, and other relatives are usually highly influential in developing a child's _____, or that child's sense of worth and value.

- a. self-concept b. genetic code
- c. nickname d. temperament

ANSWER: a

20. _____ is made up of the ideas and feelings about the uniqueness and value of one's family unit, which often emerges in family traditions, rituals and celebrations.

- a. Individualism b. A knowledgeable decision
- c. Family identity d. DNA pool

ANSWER: c

21. Life in American families reflects a tension in American culture between family solidarity and_____.

- a. individual freedom b. the prenuptial contract
- c. divorce d. childlessness

ANSWER: a

22. Family togetherness, stability, and loyalty are all examples of_____.

- a. proscriptive norms b. familistic (communal) values
- c. self-fulfillment values d. outdated norms

ANSWER: b

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23. The text points out that the social institutions of marriage and the family have become _____ since the mid-twentieth century.

- a. more predictable b. more functional
- c. less predictable d. less functional

ANSWER: c

24. Which of the following reflects the relationship between personal decision making and society?

- a. Personal decisions are impacted by, but also influence, society.
- b. Society impacts personal decisions, but rarely do our decisions impact society.
- c. One has no real impact on the other.
- d. The relationship is too difficult to study.

ANSWER: a

25. We live in a society characterized by _____ change, including increased ethnic, economic, and family diversity.

- a. little b. slight
- c. considerable d. negligible

ANSWER: c

26. Functional definitions of the family refer to what the family *is*, while structural definitions emphasize what the family *does*.

- a. True
- b. False

ANSWER: False

27. The most common household type today is that of married couples *without* children.

- a. True
- b. False

ANSWER: True

28. Single-person households now represent around a quarter of American households.

- a. True
- b. False

ANSWER: True

29. According to the text, family life is far more complex and difficult than the traditional image commonly portrayed.

- a. True
- b. False

ANSWER: True

30. Only 50 percent of Americans approve of black–white marriages.

- a. True
- b. False

ANSWER: False

31. The more common infertility interventions involve prescription drugs and microscopic surgical procedures to repair a female's fallopian tubes or a male's sperm ducts.

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a. True

b. False

ANSWER: True

32. Some of our choices are not conscious, and we slide into them.

a. True

b. False

ANSWER: True

33. According to the text, you should never listen to the emotional dimension of decision making, sometimes called the gutfactor.

a. True

b. False

ANSWER: False

34. Life in American families reflects a cultural tension between solidarity and individual freedom.

a. True

b. False

ANSWER: True

35. Research shows that parents, siblings, and other relatives influence a child's self-concept, having a profound influence on personal identity.

a. True

b. False

ANSWER: True

36. Write an essay in which you compare *nuclear family* and *the postmodern family*. How might each of these impact children?

ANSWER: Will vary

37. Using the text's discussion as a guide, address the question, "Is the family *declining* or is the family *changing*?"

ANSWER: Will vary

38. Suppose you were faced with a decision about an unplanned pregnancy. Explain the process you would use to *choose knowledgeably*. Include in your discussion the major components of knowledgeable decision making.

ANSWER: Will vary

39. What is family identity? Using your own family, or one with which you are familiar, provide several examples of this phenomenon.

ANSWER: Will vary

40. What is the difference between *individualistic* and *familistic values*? Provide an illustration of each.

ANSWER: Will vary