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Chapter 2 Alcohol and Other Drugs

1) Repeated use of a drug or alcohol to the point of periodic or chronic intoxication that is detrimental to the user or society is called _____.

- A) abuse
- B) habit
- C) addiction
- D) social deviance

Answer: C

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2) The term *aqua vitae* means _____.

- A) water of life
- B) fresh water
- C) living water
- D) sea of life

Answer: A

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3) The improper use of drugs or alcohol to the degree that the consequences are defined as detrimental to the user or to society is called _____.

- A) illegal consumption
- B) immorality
- C) abuse
- D) illegal sales

Answer: C

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4) Addiction has been called a _____ because continued abuse of a drug causes changes in brain function that drive the addict to compulsive seeking and use the drug.

- A) brain retardation
- B) mental retardation
- C) mental illness
- D) brain disease

Answer: D

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5) The nation's most serious health problem is _____.

- A) breast cancer
- B) AIDS
- C) ovarian cancer
- D) abuse of alcohol

Answer: D

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6) A blood alcohol level of about _____ can make the individual feel a sense of release from tensions and inhibitions.

- A) 0.05 percent
- B) 0.10 percent
- C) 0.20 percent
- D) 0.30 percent
- E) 0.40 percent

Answer: A

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7) A blood alcohol level of about _____ affects the individual's motor control and his hands, arms, and legs become clumsy.

- A) 0.05 percent
- B) 0.10 percent
- C) 0.20 percent
- D) 0.30 percent
- E) 0.40 percent

Answer: B

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8) A blood alcohol level of about _____ causes the motor and emotional functions of the brain to be impaired as the individual staggers and becomes intensely emotional.

- A) 0.05 percent
- B) 0.10 percent
- C) 0.20 percent
- D) 0.30 percent
- E) 0.40 percent

Answer: C

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9) A blood alcohol level of about ____ causes the individual to lapse into a coma and may lead to death.

- A) 0.05 percent
- B) 0.10 percent
- C) 0.20 percent
- D) 0.30 percent
- E) 0.40 percent

Answer: E

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10) The damaging effects of alcohol abuse are most obvious in a(n) _____—the individual who is addicted to alcohol.

- A) addict
- B) alcoholic
- C) mentally ill
- D) psychotic

Answer: B

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11) Alcoholism is defined in terms of four symptoms. Which of the following is NOT one of those symptoms?

- A) a craving or compulsion to drink
- B) loss of control to limit drinking on any particular occasion
- C) drinking beer instead of drinking liquor
- D) physical dependence on alcohol

Answer: C

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12) Compared to the general population, American Indians _____.

- A) begin drinking at an early age
- B) drink less frequently
- C) refrain from drinking in greater amounts
- D) have a lesser alcohol-related death rate

Answer: A

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13) According to a national survey, what percentage of Americans aged 12 or older are current drinkers?

- A) 6.7 percent
- B) 23.1 percent
- C) 52.7 percent
- D) 99.9 percent

Answer: C

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14) Which of the following groups has the highest incidence of use and abuse of alcohol?

- A) American Indians
- B) African Americans
- C) Latinos
- D) whites

Answer: A

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15) Which of the following statements is true about binge drinkers?

- A) They are more likely than others to use protection while having sex.
- B) They are more likely than others to be involved in property damage.
- C) They are less likely than others to fall behind in school.
- D) They are less likely than others to drive after drinking.

Answer: B

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16) Which sex is more likely to abuse alcohol?

- A) males
- B) females
- C) both are equally likely to abuse alcohol
- D) in fact, neither sex abuses alcohol

Answer: A

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17) Among male veterans, the death rate for alcoholics was how much higher compared to that of nonalcoholics?

- A) 1.5 times
- B) 2.5 times
- C) 3.5 times
- D) 4.5 times

Answer: B

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18) In terms of cognitive ability, alcoholism costs the user about _____ years of life.

- A) 2
- B) 4
- C) 6
- D) 10

Answer: D

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19) The amount of alcoholics in Russia is _____ that of the United States.

- A) the same as
- B) triple
- C) less than
- D) more than double

Answer: D

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20) Compared to those from nonalcoholic homes, the children of alcohol abusers are more likely to have _____.

- A) lower rates of anxiety
- B) lower rates of depression
- C) higher rates of drug use
- D) higher rates of marriage

Answer: C

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21) The leading cause of death among men aged 36 to 60 in Hungary is _____.

- A) heart disease
- B) cirrhosis of the liver
- C) cancer
- D) automobile accidents

Answer: B

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22) Any substance having no physiological effect that is given to a subject who believes it to be a drug that does have an effect is called _____.

- A) an independent variable
- B) a dependent variable
- C) a placebo
- D) a test drug

Answer: C

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23) Which of the following drugs is the most widely used?

- A) cocaine
- B) crack
- C) alcohol
- D) marijuana

Answer: C

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24) In a national survey of those aged 12 or older, what percent of 18- to 25-year-olds used any illicit drug in the last 30 days?

- A) 10.1 percent
- B) 22 percent
- C) 18.5 percent
- D) 51.8 percent

Answer: B

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25) In both rural and urban areas, children begin experimenting with drugs as early as which grade?

- A) third
- B) seventh
- C) freshman in high school
- D) senior in high school

Answer: A

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26) Worldwide, tobacco dependence is responsible for about _____ deaths per year.

- A) 40,000
- B) 400,000
- C) 6 million
- D) 4 billion

Answer: C

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27) In the United States, the use of _____ causes more physiological damage than any nonalcoholic drug and is the leading cause of preventable death.

- A) methamphetamine
- B) opium
- C) marijuana
- D) tobacco

Answer: D

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28) Which of the following is an acute effect of marijuana intoxication?

- A) impaired psychomotor performance
- B) interference with the normal pattern of sex hormones
- C) adverse effects on the respiratory system
- D) reduced sperm count in males

Answer: A

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29) In 2012, federal funding for various drug control programs was over _____.

- A) \$3 billion
- B) \$26 billion
- C) \$15 billion
- D) \$100 billion

Answer: B

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30) Supervised withdrawal from dependence on a drug is called _____.

- A) a placebo
- B) detoxification
- C) remission
- D) freedom

Answer: B

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31) The American colonists generally viewed alcoholic beverages as _____.

- A) the "work of the devil"
- B) an evil to be diligently avoided
- C) one of God's gifts
- D) the reason for succeeding from England

Answer: C

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32) Until the beginning of the 19th century, the use of what substance was less offensive to Americans than was the smoking of cigarettes?

- A) LSD
- B) opium
- C) tranquilizers
- D) marijuana

Answer: B

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33) The damaging effects of alcohol abuse are most obvious in a(n) _____ —the individual who is addicted to alcohol.

Answer: alcoholic

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34) The _____ sex is far more likely to abuse alcohol than is the _____ sex.

Answer: male; female

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35) A general loss of intellectual abilities, impaired memory, and possible personality change from alcoholism is called _____.

Answer: dementia

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36) Americans drink about 9.44 liters of alcohol a year. Russians drink about _____.

Answer: 15.8 liters

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37) The leading cause of death in Hungary is _____.

Answer: cirrhosis of the liver

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38) _____ is the most widely used drug.

Answer: Alcohol

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39) At 19.6 percent, _____ was the drug used the most by people aged 18-25 in the last 30 days.

Answer: marijuana

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40) The term *aqua vitae* means _____.

Answer: water of life

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41) _____ is the repeated use of a drug or alcohol to the point of periodic or chronic intoxication that is detrimental to the user or society.

Answer: Addiction

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42) Improper use of drugs or alcohol to the degree that the consequences are defined as detrimental to the user or society is known as _____.

Answer: abuse

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43) Any substance having no physiological effect that is given to a subject who believes it to be a drug that does have an effect is called a(n) _____.

Answer: placebo

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44) The American colonists generally viewed alcoholic beverages as _____.

Answer: one of God's gifts

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45) _____ are prescription drugs—pain relievers, tranquilizers, stimulants, and sedatives—that are used for their intoxication effects rather than for medical purposes.

Answer: Psychotherapeutic drugs

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46) _____ is defined as having five or more drinks on the same occasion.

Answer: Binge drinking

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47) Alcohol abuse can lead to early death.

Answer: TRUE

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48) Heavy drinking allows the person to "loosen up" and "release inhibitions," therefore making sexual activity more enjoyable for both parties.

Answer: FALSE

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49) Americans drink far more than Russians do.

Answer: FALSE

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50) Early use of alcohol by children is likely to lead to early sexual activity.

Answer: TRUE

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51) Homes in which one or both spouses are alcoholics have lower rates of both verbal and physical abuse.

Answer: FALSE

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52) Both Jews and Italians use alcohol as part of a traditional way of life and therefore alcoholism is extremely high in these communities.

Answer: FALSE

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53) Most researchers have found there is a tendency for multiple use when individuals begin using one drug.

Answer: TRUE

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54) Smokers are likely to drink alcohol.

Answer: TRUE

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55) We cannot say that the use of one drug causes the individual to experiment with another drug. To do so would be the *fallacy of non sequitur*.

Answer: TRUE

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56) Nonsmokers who are exposed to a smoking environment are more likely than those not in such an environment to develop coronary heart disease.

Answer: TRUE

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57) Drug abusers are less likely to come from broken homes than are nonabusers.

Answer: FALSE

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58) Nicotine-dependent individuals are more likely to have higher self-esteem than nonusers.

Answer: FALSE

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59) Whereas moderate alcohol consumption protects the heart, heavy consumption increases the risk of strokes.

Answer: TRUE

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60) Being integrated into a group in which drug use is approved is one of the strongest factors associated with drug use at all ages.

Answer: TRUE

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61) Marijuana users experience more cohesion and harmony in their relationships and have less relationship conflict than nonusers.

Answer: FALSE

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