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Chapter 1: Introduction

Multiple Choice

1. Of the following presidents, which one succeeded in remedying significant problems of access to health care?

- A. Franklin D. Roosevelt
- B. Harry Truman
- C. Lyndon Johnson
- D. George H. W. Bush

Ans: C

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2. The Office of Personnel Management specifications for policy analysts include which quantitative methods?

- A. Statistical analysis
- B. Cost-benefit analysis
- C. Computer simulation models
- D. All of the above

Ans: D

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3. Today, when people refer to the “health care system,” they generally mean:

- A. holistic approaches to health.
- B. medical care systems.
- C. the social environment that affects one’s access to health care.
- D. preventive services.

Ans: B

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4. Which of the following is an example of a social determinant of health?

- A. A person’s genetic predisposition to disease
- B. Government health care policy
- C. The CDC’s response to a communicable disease threat
- D. A person’s level of education

Ans: D

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5. According to McGinnis and Foege, half of our health status can be attributed to:

- A. our behaviors.

- B. genetics.
- C. environmental factors.
- D. the effectiveness of government programs.

Ans: A

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6. Between 1900 and 1995, average life expectancy in the United States increased by _____ years.

- A. 25
- B. 30
- C. 45
- D. 50

Ans: B

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7. The questions addressed by health policy:

- A. can be very different depending on whom you ask.
- B. are set by the state governments.
- C. produce fairly straightforward answers.
- D. can be answered in a multitude of ways by different participants, whose interests often conflict.

Ans: D

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8. Which of the following is the initial stage of the policy analysis process?

- A. Problem identification
- B. Qualitative analysis
- C. Process definition
- D. Process analysis

Ans: A

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9. Policy makers have identified a problem and are working to determine reasonable expectations for progress over a specified amount of time. This is the _____ phase of the policy analysis process.

- A. process analysis
- B. qualitative analysis
- C. process definition
- D. evaluation

Ans: C

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10. In which phase of the policy analysis process do policy makers review possible options for technical feasibility?

- A. Qualitative analysis
- B. Process analysis
- C. Process definition
- D. Evaluation

Ans: D

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11. What is one reason why U.S. health care professionals have not been more involved in policy making?

- A. They are rarely interested in policy issues.
- B. In general, health care administrators make less than health care providers.
- C. They often find the training requirements to be arduous.
- D. Most health care professionals are happy with current health care policies.

Ans: B

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12. Which of the following is true regarding the provision of health care?

- A. It continues to be a struggle for many developed countries, even those with national health services.
- B. It is rarely an issue in Scandinavian countries or in the UK.
- C. It is, by and large, only a problem in developing countries.
- D. It is a policy issue that has been conquered by most of the developed world except the United States.

Ans: A

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13. Which of the following is a contributor to the increasing loss of autonomy among health care professionals?

- A. Specific provisions of the ACA dealing with the role of health care professionals
- B. A greater focus on preventive care
- C. The fact that fewer health care professionals are independent businesspeople and more are being employed by large organizations
- D. Decreased wages as more people enter the health care profession

Ans: C

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14. Throughout the world, health disparities due to cultural and socioeconomic factors are referred to as:
- A. health prejudice.
 - B. health equity.
 - C. developing problems.
 - D. access issues.

Ans: B

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15. Some have suggested that Medicare should be referred to as _____ rather than an entitlement.
- A. an earned benefit
 - B. a work program
 - C. welfare
 - D. a health allowance

Ans: A

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16. *Healthy People 2020* is a set of targets for increasing health status that is issued by:
- A. the National Institutes of Health.
 - B. the U.S. Congress.
 - C. President Obama.
 - D. the CDC.

Ans: D

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17. A goal of *Healthy People 2020* is to increase the percentage of cancer survivors living 5 years or more after diagnosis to:
- A. 61.2%.
 - B. 72.8%.
 - C. 86.4%.
 - D. 95.0%.

Ans: B

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18. The group benefiting the most from the wealth transfers through Medicare is _____.
- A: children
 - B. the working poor
 - C. the elderly

D. immigrants

Ans: B
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True or False

19. The public's acceptance of U.S. health care policy tends to be constant over time.

Ans: False
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20. The Office of Personnel Management specifications for policy analysts do not emphasize professional subject matter expertise.

Ans: False
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21. According to the WHO, "health" is more than just the absence of illness; it also includes one's mental and physical well-being.

Ans: True
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22. According to McGinnis and Foege, a "real cause of death" among Americans is a sedentary lifestyle.

Ans: True
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23. Working toward public support of a proposed health care policy is undertaken in the stage of the implementation strategy phase of the policy-making process.

Ans: True
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24. A major flaw in the policy analysis process is the lack of feedback.

Ans: False
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25. Rising health care costs can affect employment rates in the United States.

Ans: True

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26. The problems of health disparities are not limited to the United States.

Ans: True

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27. Professionals, not their employers, are responsible for decisions about technological innovations.

Ans: False

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28. The impact of societal values on policy analysis is very limited.

Ans: False

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29. The choice of metrics in policy analysis is value free.

Ans: False

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30. Policy analysis teams require many disciplines and many different skills.

Ans: True

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