

Test Bank

Chapter 1

MULTIPLE CHOICE. Choose the one alternative that best completes the statement or answers the question.

- 1) A formal written enactment of a legislative body is known as a
 - A) theory.
 - B) deviant act.
 - C) crime.
 - D) statute.

- 2) People appear to be particularly fascinated by _____ crime.
 - A) common law
 - B) property
 - C) victimless
 - D) violent

- 3) The view of crime as human conduct that violates the criminal law is drawn from a _____ perspective.
 - A) sociological
 - B) philosophical
 - C) legalistic
 - D) psychological

- 4) The process of _____ makes some forms of behavior illegal.
 - A) criminalization
 - B) statutization
 - C) illegalization
 - D) legalization

- 5) _____ is human activity that violates social norms.
 - A) Adaptive behavior
 - B) Crime
 - C) Cruelty
 - D) Deviant behavior

- 6) Which of the following statements about deviance and crime is true?
 - A) Deviant behavior and criminal behavior overlap.
 - B) All deviant behavior is criminal.
 - C) All criminal behavior is deviant.
 - D) Deviant behavior and criminal behavior are identical.

- 7) The pluralistic perspective suggests that behaviors are typically criminalized through
 - A) a political process.
 - B) general agreement of members of society.
 - C) the existence of shared norms and values.
 - D) none of the above

- 8) The _____ perspective is most applicable to homogeneous societies.
- A) legalistic
 - B) pluralistic
 - C) political
 - D) consensus
- 9) Which of the following individuals probably would not be considered a criminalist?
- A) Correctional officer
 - B) Fingerprint examiner
 - C) Polygraph operator
 - D) Forensics examiner
- 10) A police officer or probation officer is best described as a
- A) criminalist.
 - B) criminal justice professional.
 - C) criminologist.
 - D) none of the above
- 11) An academic or research criminologist generally holds a _____ degree.
- A) law
 - B) medical
 - C) doctoral
 - D) none of the above
- 12) Criminologists work for
- A) private research organizations.
 - B) universities and other academic institutions.
 - C) federal research agencies.
 - D) all of the above
- 13) The number of personnel employed by private security agencies today is approximately _____ that of public law enforcement agencies.
- A) half
 - B) four times
 - C) twice
 - D) equal to
- 14) Which of the following is not one of the three elements included in Edwin Sutherland's definition of criminology?
- A) How we react to the breaking of laws
 - B) The process of making laws
 - C) The operation of the criminal justice system
 - D) The process of breaking laws
- 15) Criminology is
- A) a collection of theories.
 - B) a field of study.
 - C) a profession.
 - D) All of the above

- 16) Criminal justice emphasizes
- A) the study of the components of the criminal justice system.
 - B) the application of the criminal law.
 - C) both A and B
 - D) neither A nor B
- 17) A(n) _____ theory of crime is one that attempts to explain all or most forms of criminal conduct through a single, overarching approach.
- A) unicausal
 - B) complete
 - C) general
 - D) integrated
- 18) A(n) _____ is made up of clearly state propositions suggesting relationships between events and occurrences being studied.
- A) component
 - B) hypothesis
 - C) theory
 - D) sample
- 19) _____ theories have potentially wider explanatory power than other types.
- A) general
 - B) integrated
 - C) complete
 - D) unicausal
- 20) The concept of _____ refers to the view that social events are interpreted differently according to the viewer.
- A) causality
 - B) politicization
 - C) social relativity
 - D) social primacy
- 21) Contemporary criminologists operate primary from a _____ perspective.
- A) psychological
 - B) medical
 - C) sociological
 - D) biological
- 22) According to various professional groups, violence in television, music, video games, and movies
- A) may lead to decreased levels of violent behavior among children.
 - B) may lead to increased levels of violent behavior among children.
 - C) may have no effect on levels of violent behavior among children.
 - D) may lead to emotional sensitization toward violence in real life.
- 23) According to a recent Gallup poll, the majority of respondents believed that crime in the United States is
- A) occurring at about the same rate as in the previous year.
 - B) fluctuating wildly.
 - C) less prevalent than it was a year ago.
 - D) more prevalent than it was a year ago.

TRUE/FALSE. Write 'T' if the statement is true and 'F' if the statement is false.

- 24) People are fascinated by crime because it is inexplicable.
- 25) A behavior can be a crime even if there is no law defining that behavior.
- 26) The legalistic perspective recognizes that laws are social products.
- 27) All forms of deviant behavior are violations of the criminal law.
- 28) Some types of common and accepted behavior may be illegal.
- 29) It is possible for a behavior to be illegal in one jurisdiction but legal in another.
- 30) The consensus perspective applies primarily to homogeneous societies.
- 31) In the U.S., we have achieved a shared consensus regarding what should be criminal.
- 32) A criminalist studies crime, criminals, and criminal behavior.
- 33) Most criminologists who hold doctoral degrees teach criminology or related subjects in colleges and universities.
- 34) The term criminology is believed to have been coined by Edwin Sutherland.
- 35) A definition developed from linguistic analysis of the term criminology focuses on criminology as a discipline.
- 36) Criminology focuses on the causes of crime and does not consider possible solutions to the crime problem.
- 37) Criminology is primarily a collection of theories, rather than a profession.
- 38) Theoretical criminology attempts to explain criminal behavior.
- 39) A general theory of crime focuses on explaining one specific type of criminal behavior.
- 40) Crime is a social construction.
- 41) Crime does not affect everyone equally.
- 42) Criminology is an interdisciplinary profession.
- 43) Most contemporary criminologists operate from a biological perspective.
- 44) According to various professional groups, prolonged viewing of media violence can lead to emotional desensitization towards violence in real life.
- 45) The concern over the relationship between media violence and violent juvenile crime is an example of how criminological research may impact social policy.

- 46) Crime has been increasing steadily since the mid-1990s.
- 47) There is a clear link between crime rates and concern over crime.

SHORT ANSWER. Write the word or phrase that best completes each statement or answers the question.

- 48) _____ is human conduct that violates the criminal law.
- 49) The _____ approach to crime assumes that powerful individuals can impose their definitions of crime on lawbreakers.
- 50) The _____ perspective suggests that behaviors should be criminalized when members of society generally agree that such laws are necessary.
- 51) The pluralistic perspective of crime recognizes the importance of _____ in modern societies.
- 52) A(n) _____ is a specialist in the collection and examination of the physical evidence of crime
- 53) Twice as many law enforcement personnel work in _____ than in public law enforcement.
- 54) The word criminology is believed to have been coined by _____.
- 55) Criminology gives prominence to questions about the _____.
- 56) _____ is the subfield of criminology most often found in colleges and universities.
- 57) _____ theories provide potentially wider explanatory power.
- 58) Crime is fundamentally a social _____.
- 59) Social _____ refers to the view that social events are interpreted differently by different people.
- 60) Many contemporary criminologists operate from a(n) _____ perspective.
- 61) _____ based on research findings may be more important than theory testing.
- 62) American crime rates have been _____ steadily during the past ten years.

Chapter 1 Answer Key

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| 1) D | 22) B | 43) FALSE |
| 2) D | 23) D | 44) TRUE |
| 3) C | 24) TRUE | 45) TRUE |
| 4) A | 25) FALSE | 46) FALSE |
| 5) D | 26) TRUE | 47) FALSE |
| 6) A | 27) FALSE | 48) Crime |
| 7) A | 28) TRUE | 49) legalistic |
| 8) D | 29) TRUE | 50) consensus |
| 9) A | 30) TRUE | 51) diversity |
| 10) B | 31) FALSE | 52) criminalist |
| 11) C | 32) FALSE | 53) private security |
| 12) D | 33) TRUE | 54) Paul Topinard |
| 13) C | 34) FALSE | 55) causes of criminality |
| 14) C | 35) FALSE | 56) Theoretical criminology |
| 15) D | 36) FALSE | 57) Integrated |
| 16) C | 37) FALSE | 58) construction |
| 17) C | 38) TRUE | 59) relativity |
| 18) C | 39) FALSE | 60) sociological |
| 19) B | 40) TRUE | 61) Social policies |
| 20) C | 41) TRUE | 62) decreasing |
| 21) C | 42) TRUE | |