

## Chapter 1 Social, Philosophical, and Other Historical Forces Influencing the Development of Nursing

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### MULTIPLE CHOICE

1. Nursing practice is influenced by:
- history.
  - spiritual beliefs.
  - religious practice.
  - philosophical influences.
  - all of the above.

ANS: E PTS: 1

2. Empathy is a motive for:
- meeting the needs of others.
  - moral reasoning and action.
  - becoming a nurse.
  - determining right from wrong.

ANS: B PTS: 1

3. Professions exist to meet the:
- needs of employers.
  - needs of individuals.
  - needs of society.
  - needs of families.

ANS: C PTS: 1

4. Florence Nightingale was a:
- model for all nurses.
  - nurse.
  - statistician.
  - social reformer.
  - all of the above.

ANS: E PTS: 1

5. Helping professionals find their origin in:
- inhumane actions.
  - perceived social need.
  - accepted moral needs.
  - individual values.
  - All except a.
  - b and c only.

ANS: E PTS: 1

6. The overarching belief system of a culture that deals with the culture's beliefs about the nature of the universe is termed:
- cosmology.
  - religion.
  - values.
  - astrology.

ANS: A PTS: 1

7. During the Middle Ages:
- religions and church-sanctioned secular nursing orders afforded the only legitimate avenue

- for women who wished to become nurses.
- b. there was an upsurge in the respect afforded to nursing and midwifery, and nurses began to practice autonomously.
- c. healing arts in Denmark and Greece were performed in sacred ceremonies by priests, priestesses, or shamans.
- d. most nurses were women of high social status.

ANS: A PTS: 1

8. The “Dark Period of Nursing” when convalescent patients, prostitutes, prisoners, and drunkards provided hospital nursing care occurred during the:
- a. Reformation.
  - b. Crusades.
  - c. Middle Ages.
  - d. Early Christian era.

ANS: A PTS: 1

9. The concept of social need is important to the ethical foundations of the nursing professional because:
- a. nurses must determine the health needs of society.
  - b. nursing finds its origin, purpose, and meaning within the context of perceived social need.
  - c. theories of sociology are utilized by nursing scholars, many of whom view them as conceptual frameworks for nursing practice.
  - d. social need determines the boundaries of the ethical principles of distributive justice, beneficence, and nonmaleficence.

ANS: B PTS: 1

10. The social status of women affects the status of the nursing profession because:
- a. nursing has traditionally been a profession of women.
  - b. throughout history, nurses have been afforded higher social status.
  - c. women of higher social status rarely become nurses.
  - d. women are more skilled than men at nurturing others.

ANS: A PTS: 1

11. Philosophers of the Early Christian era included:
- a. Plato.
  - b. St. Paul.
  - c. Aristotle.
  - d. St. Augustine.
  - e. All of the above
  - f. b and d only

ANS: F PTS: 1

12. Which of the following events that changed nursing occurred during the 20th century?
- a. Women became more politically active.
  - b. The nursing profession gained acceptance as a legitimate force.
  - c. Nurses began to provide independent health care services.
  - d. All of the above

ANS: D PTS: 1

13. Who is recognized as the father of Western medicine?
- a. Plato
  - b. Hippocrates
  - c. Aristotle
  - d. St. Paul

ANS: B PTS: 1

14. Which period fostered the scientific revolution and a new era in the healing arts?

- a. Middle Ages
- b. Renaissance
- c. Early Christian era
- d. Reformation

ANS: D                      PTS: 1

### **MULTIPLE RESPONSE**

1. Socrates can be described as (select all that apply):
  - a. being one of the greatest philosophers of ancient times.
  - b. believing a person should do what is best for him or herself.
  - c. proposing that one must seek knowledge and develop the inner self in order to experience a good life.
  - d. creating the Socratic method.
  - e. believing that knowledge does lead to the “good life.”

ANS: A, C, D, E            PTS: 1

2. The Crusades brought many changes in the health of the population including (select all that apply):
  - a. deplorable sanitary conditions.
  - b. fatigue.
  - c. containment of communicable diseases.
  - d. diarrhea.
  - e. good nutrition.

ANS: A, B, D              PTS: 1