

# **Chapter 1**

## **The Symbiotic and Uneasy Relationship: Clients, Social Workers and the Welfare State**

### **Multiple Choice Questions**

1. The 16 vulnerable populations or out-groups identified throughout our history into contemporary society include:
  - a. African Americans, Asian Americans, Native Americans
  - b. Gay men and lesbians, Lesbian-Gay-Bisexual-Transvestite-Queer-Questioning population
  - c. persons with chronic physical challenges
  - d. all of the above

ANS: D

PG: 3

EPAS: 2.1.4a

2. Public Policies are generated by:
  - a. laws enacted in local, state, or federal legislatures
  - b. court decisions
  - c. budget and spending programs
  - d. all of the above

ANS: D

PG: 7

EPAS: 2.1.9a

3. Grouping or clustering social policies into policy sectors has positive consequences including:
  - a. people can more clearly identify where to go to seek assistance with a specific problem
  - b. the silo effect created by clustering policies facilitates access to multiple services across policy sector boundaries
  - c. all of the above
  - d. none of the above

ANS: A

PG: 9

EPAS: 2.1.3a

4. Policies on paper can be actualized only if:
  - a. the policy includes a mandate for and the shaping of implementation systems
  - b. a plan is identified for fund raising and distribution to support the programs mandated by the policy
  - c. both of the above
  - d. none of the above

ANS: C

PG: 10

EPAS: 2.1.5b

5. Contemporary conservatives think of themselves as the ideological descendants of the founding fathers and other presidents, often associating themselves with, among others:
  - a. Franklin Roosevelt
  - b. Calvin Coolidge
  - c. Theodore Roosevelt
  - d. Andrew Jackson

ANS: B

PG: 19

EPAS: 2.1.2d



6. Libertarians often associate themselves with:
- a. Herbert Hoover
  - b. increasing government control and regulations
  - c. enhancing the freedom of citizens
  - d. censorship of publications

ANS: C

PG: 19

EPAS: 2.1.3d

7. Liberals of today believe themselves to be the ideological descendants of:
- a. Dwight D. Eisenhower
  - b. James Buchanan
  - c. Theodore Roosevelt
  - d. Ronald Reagan

ANS: C

PG: 19

EPAS: 2.1.9a

8. Radicals often associate themselves with:
- a. Harry S. Truman
  - b. William McKinley
  - c. Abraham Lincoln
  - d. Eugene Debs

ANS: D

PG: 19

EPAS: 2.1.3a

9. Libertarians believe in:
- a. raising taxes to support social programs
  - b. restricting abortion
  - c. censoring some types of journalism
  - d. none of the above

ANS: D

PG: 21

EPAS: 2.1.3a

10. Personal policy identities are:
- a. a set of values and positions that shape our selection or rejection of policies choices
  - b. psychological profiles
  - c. aversion to risk
  - d. all of the above

ANS: A

PG: 25

EPAS: 2.1.2b

11. Policy eras are specific historical periods
- a. with specific patterns of popular culture
  - b. with specific demographic trends
  - c. with an identifiable policy direction
  - d. all of the above

ANS: C

PG: 16

EPAS: 2.1.3a



12. Conservatives feel positive that unregulated capitalism:
- a. will produce prosperity if government does not place restrictions upon it
  - b. will produce prosperity only if government restricts it
  - c. will never produce prosperity
  - d. will produce prosperity if taxes are raised to support social programs

ANS: A

PG: 20

EPAS: 2.1.9a

13. The core value of liberals is:
- a. social justice
  - b. liberty, but some government incentives
  - c. liberty
  - d. liberty but with social justice

ANS: A

PG: 22

EPAS: 2.1.3d

14. Social workers need to understand the structure and programs of the American welfare state so that they can:
- a. appropriately refer clients to programs and services to which they are entitled
  - b. engage in case advocacy with their clients when access to services is denied or unfairly limited
  - c. participate in policy advocacy when existing policies are defective
  - d. all of the above

ANS: D

PG: 25

EPAS: 2.1.5b

### True-False Questions

1. When analyzing the evolution of the American Welfare state we see patterns of responses to social welfare needs such as the response to tuberculosis, typhoid fever and malaria in earlier eras and the later response to AIDS in the 1980s.

True

False

ANS: T

PG: 3

EPAS: 2.1.3a

2. Constitutions define the social policy powers of government at the federal and state levels.

True

False

ANS: T

PG: 7

EPAS: 2.1.9a

3. Americans of the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> centuries were not influenced by their European roots

True

False

ANS: F

PG: 16

EPAS: 2.1.9a

4. The United States has always provided social programs inclusive of all ethnic groups.

True

False

ANS: F

PG: 6

EPAS: 2.1.4a



5. Conservatives favor privatization or shifting federal policy roles to states and local governments.  
True False

ANS: T PG: 20 EPAS: 2.1.9a

6. Barack Obama, a pragmatic liberal, successfully secured the enactment of national health insurance, banking regulations, and a large stimulus program within the first two years of assuming the office of president.

True False

ANS: T PG: 22 EPAS: 2.1.3a

7. Social Reformers often associate themselves with Franklin Roosevelt and Lyndon Johnson  
True False

ANS: T PG: 19 EPAS: 2.1.9a

8. American Radicals include Communists, Socialists, and some union organizers.  
True False

ANS: T PG: 19 EPAS: 2.1.9a

9. Conservatives do not value freedom nor do they believe in conducting business with minimal public regulations.  
True False

ANS: F PG: 19 EPAS: 2.1.4a

10. The progressive era in United States refers to the years between 1905-1917  
True False

ANS: T PG: 16 EPAS: 2.1.9a

11. Radicals are great proponents of capitalism and believe in the “trickle down” effect as solid economic policy.  
True False

ANS: F PG: 20 EPAS: 2.1.9a

12. Since many social policies favor affluent Americans, some would suggest that the United States has two welfare states: one for relatively poor persons and one for relatively affluent persons.  
True False

ANS: T PG: 5 EPAS: 2.1.5a

13. Tax benefits for the middle and upper income persons in the United States are larger in their cumulative size than all of the nation’s welfare programs.  
True False

ANS: T PG: 5 EPAS: 2.1.9a



14. All policy eras are either liberal or conservative in nature  
True False

ANS: F PG: 19 EPAS: 2.1.9a

15. Vulnerable populations need a welfare state because they are more likely to experience poverty, economic uncertainty and victimization.  
True False

ANS: T PG: 6 EPAS: 2.1.5a