

Chapter One: What Is Deviant Behavior?

Multiple Choice Questions

1.0. Which of the following statements about the definition of deviance is TRUE?

- a. Almost all persons in a society will agree on the nature of deviant behavior.
- b. Definitions of deviant behavior are determined by a nation's economy.
- c. There is usually a great deal of disagreement among people as to what they consider deviant.
- d. Few persons in a society are concerned about the definition of deviance.

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Answer : c. There is usually a great deal of disagreement among people as to what they consider deviant.

2.0. Millions of people at one time or another have smoked marijuana. If sociologists asked a sample of U.S. citizens about this behavior, they would most likely discover that

- a. almost everyone agreed that smoking marijuana is deviant.
- b. many people disagreed about the deviant status of marijuana.
- c. almost everyone did not really care about whether smoking marijuana is deviant or not.
- d. almost everyone in the sample had smoked marijuana.

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Answer : b. many people disagreed about the deviant status of marijuana.

3.0. In 1965, J. L. Simmons asked a sample of the general public who they thought were deviant. Which of the following did significant numbers of people feel were deviant?

- a. homosexuals and prostitutes
- b. communists and atheists
- c. psychiatrists and priests
- d. all of the above

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Answer : d. all of the above

4.0. Among sociologists there is

- a. much involvement in illegal deviant behavior.
- b. little interest in the study of deviance.
- c. widespread agreement about what behavior should be considered deviant.
- d. a lack of consensus about what behavior should be seen as deviant.

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Answer : d. a lack of consensus about what behavior should be seen as deviant.