

Chapter 1: Aging Today

1) The terms *old*, *elderly*, and *aged* in this book refer to people aged _____ and over.

- A) 55
- B) 60
- C) 65
- D) 70

Answer: C

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2) Sociologists describe prejudice as

- A) a positive view of a person's abilities.
- B) a negative attitude toward of a group or class of people.
- C) an impartial assessment of group based on research.
- D) an unfounded statement designed to hurt a group of people.

Answer: B

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3) Stereotyping can

- A) prevent discrimination and ageism.
- B) force people to confront the truth about the elderly.
- C) allows us to correctly judge people and treat them fairly.
- D) lead to prejudice, discrimination, and inappropriate treatment.

Answer: D

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4) _____ is the systematic study of aging.

- A) Gerontology
- B) Ageism
- C) Demography
- D) Sociology

Answer: A

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5) Which of the following reasons for studying aging was not given in the text?

- A) to help understand social issues
- B) to learn to work in a field that serves older people
- C) to enable older people to reverse or avoid the effects of aging
- D) to help older friends and relations to deal with the issues of later life

Answer: C

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