



Instructor's Manual and Test Bank

for

Contemporary Human Behavior Theory

A Critical Perspective for Social Work

Third Edition

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TEST QUESTIONS

Objective Questions

1. Human behavior theory in social work most typically has stressed:
 - a. theories of self actualization
 - b. the political economy
 - c. a systems or ecological orientation
 - d. individual life span development
 - e. all of the above
 - f. c and d only

Answer: F

2. The term "context" refers to:
 - a. the person-in-environment
 - b. the settings and social groups in which human behavior takes place
 - c. the interrelationships between people and their families
 - d. the process of growth and development

Answer: B

3. Theories are important because they:
 - a. help us organize information
 - b. help us understand the contextual nature of human behavior
 - c. focus our attention on intrapsychic, interpersonal and transpersonal dynamics
 - d. shape the way in which we view clients
 - e. all of the above
 - f. a and d only

Answer: E

4. Macro level theories are usually:
 - a. highly specific
 - b. too vague to be of use in social work
 - c. able to explain smaller components of social reality
 - d. a and c only
 - e. e. none of the above

Answer: E

5. According to Dubin, theories are used for which of these two distinct goals?
 - a. construction and prediction
 - b. explanation and prediction
 - c. abstraction and explanation
 - d. abstraction and construction

Answer: B

6. Theories arise from:
 - a. cognitive processes of individuals
 - b. experiential processes of individuals
 - c. social processes
 - d. all of the above
 - e. a and b only

Answer: D



7. Theories of human behavior are:
- scientifically objective
 - a set of prescriptions
 - free of material interests
 - often associated with political positions
 - none of the above
- Answer: D*
8. Critical analysis refers to:
- the use of specific standards in evaluating evidence
 - analysis based on critical thinking
 - a critique of alternative views
 - all of the above
- Answer: D*
9. The illness model is based on the idea that the person has experienced a recent trauma or crisis.
- True False
- Answer: False*
10. The helping situation is influenced by ideology.
- True False
- Answer: True*
11. Because social welfare organizations are organized in ways to facilitate "people management," they are relatively free of ideology.
- True False
- Answer: False*
12. The popular definition of the helping situation emerges from scientific theory.
- True False
- Answer: False*
13. Reductionism refers to the position that one phenomenon is caused solely by another phenomenon.
- True False
- Answer: False*
14. The strengths perspective in social work is based on the assumption that people or groups seeking help have special "expertise."
- True False
- Answer: True*
15. If a theory provides good suggestions for questions to explore in understanding clients, but there is not much empirical research support for the concepts in the theory, it would be considered to be high in heuristic value but low in verification.
- True False
- Answer: True*
16. The establishment of knowledge through the use of scientific theory is derived primarily from Western European thought.
- True False
- Answer: True*
17. Epistemology refers to assumptions about the nature of human nature.
- True False
- Answer: False*