**Chapter 8: Political Attitudes**

**Multiple-Choice Questions**

1. Which of the following is NOT a component of political attitudes?

@ See pages 213 and 214.

a. Political values

b. Political beliefs

c. Political power

d. Political opinions

e. Political preferences

2. Which historical moment was predominantly responsible for instilling in French political culture the desire for equal treatment from a centralized state, a distrust for political elite, and an embracing of political protest?

@ See page 215.

a. The French Revolution of 1789

b. The Napoleonic wars

c. World War I

d. World War II

e. Decolonization in Northern Africa

3. Which of the following would provide evidence of a cross-cutting cleavage?

@ See page 216.

a. In Northern Ireland, Catholic voters are typically also ethnic Irish

b. In Belgium, people in the North typically speak Flemish

c. In Switzerland, multiple languages are spoken within each religious community

d. In Canada, Quebeckers typically speak French and are also Catholic

e. In China, Uighurs claim distinctive religious and ethnic histories from others

4. When a society contains a population that trusts each other and is willing to work together cooperatively, we might infer that the society is high in \_\_\_\_ .

@ See pages 217 and 218.

a. political participation

b. subject political culture

c. coinciding cleavages

d. social capital

e. living standards

5. A key threat to democratic political culture is occurs when citizens become overly frustrated or disenchanted with their government. This process is known as political \_\_\_ .

@ See page 219.

a. skepticism

b. derangement

c. sadness

d. alienation

e. protest

6. Which of the following factors is NOT positively correlated with the growth of democracy?

@ See pages 220 to 224.

a. Urbanization

b. Literacy

c. A middle class

d. Charismatic leadership

e. Education

7. Which of the following is NOT an agent of political socialization?

@ See pages 224 to 226.

a. Family

b. Schools

c. Peer groups

d. Popular culture

e. Party platforms

8. This cable provider was relaunched in the mid-2000s, in order to offer a competing left-of-center view of governing that would rival the right-of-center views of Fox News.

@ See page 230.

a. CNN

b. BBC

c. MSNBC

d. Al Jazeera

e. CBS

9. This type of distribution might be found if a population’s range of views are generally relatively moderate, with fewer extremes on either end.

@ See pages 234 and 235.

a. Bimodal

b. Exponential

c. Binomial

d. Normal

e. Hyperbolic

10. Spain under Franco featured a turn away from democratic political culture and an embracing of \_\_\_ .

@ See pages 238 to 240.

a. Communism

b. Socialism

c. Fascism

d. Anarchism

e. Pluralism

**True/False Questions**

11. Political culture provides specific information and concrete preferences about what an individual holds dear to them in political life.

@ See page 214.

a. True

b. False

12. Coinciding cleavages in a society may lead to the reinforcing of individual characteristics’ importance to the political process.

@ See pages 216 and 217.

a. True

b. False

13. Rather than turn modern voters away from democratic politics, post-material parties and organizations have adapted to provide voters with new choices.

@ See page 221.

a. True

b. False

14. One example of political socialization is that most new voters typically vote in the opposite direction of their family and friends.

@ See page 224.

a. True

b. False

15. Tracking polls correct for temporary change in popular views by observing voter preferences over time.

@ See page 236.

a. True

b. False

**Essay Questions**

Type: E

16. Where does political culture come from? How would you characterize the political culture of your own home country? Your region?

Type: E

17. Why is social capital so crucial to the promotion of a healthy, democratic political culture? How do social connections spillover into political trust?

Type: E

18. Describe the interplay between economic and democratic development. Does economic development “cause” democratic development or does it simply make it easier to occur on its own?

Type: E

19. In your experience, is the mainstream media biased? How might you check to verify your opinion?

Type: E

20. Consider the different sources of political culture considered in this chapter. Which are the quickest to impact a country’s political culture? Which do you expect are longer term?

Answers:

1. c

2. a

3. c

4. d

5. d

6. d

7. e

8. c

9. d

10. c

11. False

12. True

13. True

14. False

15. True