

Sample Multiple Choice Questions for Final Examination Review

1. Which of the following is not a symptom typically related to psychopathy?
 - a) antisocial behaviour
 - b) irresponsibility
 - c) remorse
 - d) shallow emotion
 - e) lack of guilt

2. One advantage of using an actuarial approach to predict the risk of violence is _____, whereas one disadvantage is _____.
 - a) it is idiographic / it is nomothetic
 - b) it lacks consistency / it lacks transparency
 - c) it is flexible / it lacks consistency
 - d) it is reasonably accurate / it is nomothetic
 - e) it is transparent / it lacks consistency

3. The risk principle of effective correctional intervention states that _____.
 - a) low risk individuals should be targeted for intervention
 - b) high risk individuals should be targeted for intervention
 - c) low risk individuals should receive treatment much earlier than high risk individuals
 - d) high risk individuals will be less motivated in treatment settings
 - e) low risk individuals will be less motivated in treatment settings

4. Johnny has been convicted for vandalism. The judge decides that, because this is a relatively minor crime, it would be important to keep Johnny out of prison where he may interact with more serious criminals. As a result, Johnny is not incarcerated but is allowed to serve his sentence in the community. What term best describes the sentence that Johnny just received?
 - a) indeterminate
 - b) conditional
 - c) continuous
 - d) intermittent
 - e) none of the above

6. Which of the following is tested when using the FIT-R?
 - a) a person's mental status at the time of committing the crime
 - b) a person's ability to understand right from wrong
 - c) a person's ability to communicate with counsel
 - d) both a and b
 - e) both a and c

7. The source of juror bias that deals with a type of prejudice involving general attitudes and beliefs about certain groups of people or certain types of crimes is referred to as:

- a) generic prejudice
- b) interest prejudice
- c) focused prejudice
- d) specific prejudice
- e) normative prejudice

8. Which of the following method(s) is/are used to study jury decision-making?

- a) post-trial interviews with jurors
- b) examination of archival records
- c) jury simulation studies
- d) all of the above
- e) none of the above

Sample Short Answer Questions for Final Examination Review

1. List and describe 2 of the main approaches for carrying out risk assessment (2 points) and provide 2 advantages and 2 disadvantages associated with each approach (2 points). (4 points)
2. Based on your psychopathy lecture, provide 2 reasons why we should focus our treatment efforts on non-psychopathic offenders instead of psychopathic offenders. (4 points)
3. List the 2 different types of research methods that are commonly used to study sentencing disparity (2 points). List 1 advantage and 1 disadvantage associated with each type of research method (2 points). (4 points)
4. Describe 2 ways that fitness to stand trial is different from criminal responsibility (2 points) and 2 ways that they are the same (2 points). (4 points)
5. Define what is meant by sentencing disparity (2 points) and provide 2 examples of factors that might account for unwarranted sentencing disparity (2 points). (4 points)
6. List and describe two key principles of effective correctional treatment that you were exposed to in this course. (4 points)