***Drugs, Society, & Behavior, 17e* (Hart)**

**Chapter 1 Drug Use: An Overview**

1) One of the general principles of psychoactive drugs is that every drug has \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

A) effects on the heart

B) impurities

C) multiple effects

D) a key to some part of the mind

Answer: C

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2) One of the general principles of psychoactive drug use is that the effect of any psychoactive drug depends on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

A) the individual's history and expectations

B) its legal status

C) the user's diet

D) the user's unique brain chemistry

Answer: A

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3) Methamphetamine, crack cocaine, ecstasy, and glue sniffing were given as examples of media reports on:

A) the "drug du jour."

B) laissez-faire.

C) drugs that are always "bad drugs."

D) drug use by celebrities.

Answer: A

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4) One of the general principles of psychoactive drug use is that:

A) all psychoactive drugs should be banned.

B) most people are unable to control their own drug use.

C) every drug has an opposite drug that can counteract it.

D) drugs, per se, are not good or bad.

Answer: D

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5) The use of a substance in a manner, amounts, or situations such that the drug causes problems or greatly increases the chances of problems occurring is:

A) addiction.

B) dependence.

C) abuse.

D) deviance.

Answer: C

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6) Drug use that is not common within a social group and that is disapproved of by the majority, causing members of a group to take corrective action when it occurs is:

A) deviant drug use.

B) drug misuse.

C) drug abuse.

D) illicit drug abuse.

Answer: A

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7) A drug that is unlawful to possess or use is defined in the text as:

A) an illicit drug.

B) a narcotic.

C) an addictive drug.

D) an abused drug.

Answer: A

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8) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ generally refers to the use of prescribed drugs in greater amounts than, or for purposes other than, those prescribed by a physician or dentist.

A) Drug abuse

B) Drug dependence

C) Deviant drug use

D) Drug misuse

Answer: D

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9) Which of the following statements best describes the term "drug dependence"?

A) It is the use of a substance in a manner, amounts, or situations such that the drug use causes problems or greatly increases the chances of problems occurring.

B) It is drug use that is not common within a social group and that is disapproved of by the majority, causing members of the group to take corrective action when it occurs.

C) It refers to a state in which an individual uses a drug so frequently and consistently that it appears that it would be difficult for the person to get along without using the drug.

D) It refers to the use of prescribed drugs in greater amounts than, or for purposes other than, those prescribed by a physician or dentist.

Answer: C

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10) Suppose a person is prescribed opioid medication (similar to heroin) to treat a painful injury. But after her injury heals, she takes the drug primarily to feel euphoria. Based on this information alone, what term would you use to describe her drug use?

A) Drug dependence

B) Deviant drug use

C) Drug abuse

D) Drug misuse

Answer: D

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11) Drugs have played a significant role in human society:

A) for about the past 100 years.

B) only since the 1960s.

C) for thousands of years.

D) only in Europe and North America.

Answer: C

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12) In the past 100 years, the introduction of vaccines to prevent diseases and antibiotics to cure some types of infections laid the foundation for:

A) illicit drug markets.

B) our acceptance of medicines as the cornerstone of our health care system.

C) many dangerous drug interactions.

D) the "war on drugs."

Answer: B

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13) Which of the following is a limitation of the survey questionnaire studies on drug use among adolescents and young adults?

A) The sample sizes used for research studies are too small.

B) This technique can be used only on students who are in classrooms.

C) The researchers who conduct these studies tend to be biased.

D) The results do not reflect trends in drug use over time due to fluctuating tendencies to overreport or underreport drug use.

Answer: B

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14) Despite the limitations of survey questionnaires, they can be especially informative:

A) if they are done year after year because we can then look for changes over time.

B) about use among those who are not included in the survey.

C) about alcohol use because it is not illegal.

D) about the misuse of prescription drugs.

Answer: A

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15) Factors that are correlated with higher rates of drug use are known as:

A) causal factors.

B) drug profiles.

C) risk factors.

D) weaknesses.

Answer: C

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16) Factors that are correlated with lower rates of drug use are known as:

A) antecedents.

B) gender and age.

C) deviates.

D) protective factors.

Answer: D

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17) One of the most important risk factors for drug use is:

A) having friends who use marijuana or other substances.

B) being heavily involved in extracurricular activities.

C) having lots of money.

D) believing that your parents are a source of social support.

Answer: A

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18) One of the most important protective factors for drug use is:

A) having to work for your spending money.

B) having been punished for fighting.

C) knowing adults who use drugs.

D) believing that there are strong sanctions against substance use at school.

Answer: D

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19) One very consistent finding is that students who report \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are less likely to smoke cigarettes, drink alcohol, or use any type of illicit drug than other students.

A) having high self-esteem

B) being well-off financially

C) having more involvement with religion

D) having lots of friends

Answer: C

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20) According to results from the National Survey on Drug Use and Health, which of these ethnic groups reports the highest rate of use of alcohol, tobacco, and marijuana?

A) White

B) African American

C) Hispanic

D) Asian

Answer: A

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21) Compared to young adults who finished high school only, those with college degrees:

A) are more likely to use cocaine.

B) are much more likely to drink alcohol and much less likely to use tobacco.

C) are more likely to smoke marijuana.

D) report similar rates of use of most substances.

Answer: B

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22) Which of the following statements is true of the relationships between substance use and various indicators of individual differences in personality variables?

A) Large-scale survey studies of substance use in the general population have strong correlations with most traditional personality traits.

B) Correlational studies of long-term substance use among young adults have shown a strong link between poor academic performances and substance use.

C) Various ways of measuring a factor called impulsivity can be correlated with rates of substance use in the general population.

D) Personality factors play a big role in whether someone decides to try alcohol or marijuana but a small role in whether that use develops into a serious problem.

Answer: C

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23) Which of the following statements defines the term "antecedents"?

A) They are characteristics that predict later initiation of drug use.

B) They are variables that are statistically related to some other variables, such as drug use.

C) They are substances that cause one to escalate to more deviant forms of drug use.

D) They are those forms of drug use that are not considered either normal or acceptable by the society at large.

Answer: A

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24) In one study, adolescents who smoked cigarettes were about twice as likely as nonsmokers to later use marijuana. For this reason, cigarettes have been referred to as:

A) addicting.

B) a gateway substance.

C) toxic.

D) a correlate.

Answer: B

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25) In the context of drug use, which of the following statements is true of gateway substances?

A) The order of use of gateway substances determines the rate of deterioration of dopamine neurons in the mesolimbic pathway in the brain.

B) Most people who use gateway substances go on to become cocaine users.

C) Their use is the cause of later illicit drug use among young people and school students.

D) Their use is an early indicator of the basic pattern of deviant behavior resulting from a variety of psychosocial risk factors.

Answer: D

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26) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ means that, everything else being equal, each time one takes the drug one increases slightly the probability that he or she will take it again.

A) Reinforcement

B) Altered perception

C) Deviant drug use

D) Drug misuse

Answer: A

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27) Michelle is an engineering graduate. She tried cocaine at a friend's party, and it gave her an altered state of consciousness. She gradually became a regular user of the substance. With every use, she increased the chance of using the substance again. Identify this process of repeated use.

A) Drug misuse

B) Correlation

C) Deviant drug use

D) Reinforcement

Answer: D

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28) Which type of factor probably plays a bigger role in determining whether a person will try a drug in the first place as opposed to determining which of those who try it will become dependent?

A) Genetics

B) Personality

C) Individual reaction to the drug

D) Social

Answer: D

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29) Cocaine and methamphetamine are still used for medical purposes in the United States.

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30) There are some drugs that we should just define as being "bad drugs."

Answer: FALSE

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31) In the context of substance use, addiction refers to cases in which people have struggled to control drug use and have suffered serious negative consequences from that use.

Answer: TRUE

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32) According to the text, the word "addiction" is a controversial term that has different meanings for different people.

Answer: TRUE

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33) It appears that the highest rates of use of alcohol, marijuana, and other illicit drugs in the United States occurred from about 1978-1979.

Answer: TRUE

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34) Willingness to fight seems to be an important protective factor against substance use.

Answer: FALSE

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35) The Monitoring the Future study, conducted by the University of Michigan, allows one to see changes over time in the rates of drug use.

Answer: TRUE

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36) Explain the differences among the definitions of drug misuse, drug abuse, and deviant drug use.

Answer: Misuse: greater amounts or for other purposes than prescribed; abuse: drug use that causes problems for the user; deviant: not common in the larger society and leads to corrective action by the society. Bonus: appropriate examples of each, showing how these definitions may overlap in specific instances.

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37) Discuss two significant developments that have changed the way society views drugs.

Answer: One change has been the development of legal pharmaceuticals, which has laid the foundation for the acceptance of medicines for diseases (for example, vaccines) and for reasons other than illness (for example, birth control). A second development has been the "war on drugs," which shifted societal focus to tight legal regulations and restrictions of drugs deemed to be relatively dangerous.

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38) It is obviously important for us to monitor which illicit drugs are widely used and whether their use is increasing or decreasing. Describe the most important sources of information we have about drug use in the United States and the major limitations of that kind of information.

Answer: The Monitoring the Future study (large annual survey conducted in schools) and the National Survey on Drug Use and Health (household survey) are two important sources of information on drug use in the United States. Limitations are possible sample bias (those most at risk are less likely to be sampled) and uncertainty about the honesty of people's responses. Bonus: in spite of these limitations, year-by-year comparisons are useful for spotting increases or decreases.

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39) In terms of substance use, what is meant by risk factors and protective factors? Provide at least two important examples of each.

Answer: Risk factors and protective factors are the attitudes or social factors that correlate with either increased (risk) or decreased (protective) use of substances. Examples in Table 1.2, p. 14.

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40) Discuss how personality variables relate to substance use.

Answer: Most large surveys find little or no relationship to most personality measures, such as self-esteem. The most consistent correlations have been found for impulsivity. Bonus: distinguishing between studies of rates of use in the general population vs. comparisons with dependent users, with both impulsivity and personality disorders more strongly associated with dependence/abuse.

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41) What is meant by gateway substances? What is one example of a gateway substance? What is wrong with assuming that using a gateway substance causes an increased use of other substances?

Answer: A gateway substance (e.g., cigarettes) is one that is used before illicit substances and the use of which is associated with increased likelihood of later use of illicit substances. Assuming a person is generally more likely to engage in deviant or problem behavior, the apparent gateway substance might just be the easiest thing for a young person to start with, so it is most likely to be the first. Bonus: discussion of whether preventing or delaying cigarette smoking would reduce later use of marijuana or other substances.

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