

1. Which of the following statements best reflects the current state of qualitative research in nursing?
  - A) Sociologists are providing the majority of training for qualitative nursing researchers.
  - B) Nursing knowledge obtained by qualitative nursing research has gained credibility.
  - C) Qualitative nursing researchers are focusing on the analysis of primary studies.
  - D) The qualifications needed to conduct qualitative nursing research have been clearly identified.
  
2. After reviewing the various philosophic viewpoints related to qualitative research, you would identify which of the following as reflecting Descartes' view of science?
  - A) Nature is not independent of thought or reason.
  - B) Perception means more than just observation.
  - C) Cause and effect can explain all things.
  - D) Empiricism is the primary way to gain knowledge.
  
3. You are preparing an oral class presentation on the different ways of knowing in nursing and you want to use examples to explain them. Which example would be most appropriate to use when describing empirical knowing?
  - A) Using statins to treat high cholesterol levels.
  - B) Providing care based on individuals' differences.
  - C) Being aware of one's beliefs when providing care.
  - D) Integrating right and wrong with values and beliefs in decision making.
  
4. A group of students is reviewing information about science in the nursing profession in preparation for a quiz. The students demonstrate understanding of the information when they identify which of the following statements as reflecting the ideas of a human science framework?
  - A) Its approach is very similar to the empirical view of science.
  - B) It relies on rationality, objectivity, prediction, and control.
  - C) Reality of a phenomenon is based in its ability to be observed.
  - D) Subjectivity is a highly valued part of the scientific inquiry.
  
5. You are planning to use inductive reasoning in your research. Which of the following would you expect to do?
  - A) Develop a hypothesis about an individual phenomenon.
  - B) Collect data using a specific measurement tool.
  - C) Use the findings to predict the outcome.
  - D) Begin with details to arrive at a general picture.

6. You would use a qualitative research paradigm to accomplish which purpose?
- A) Explain a phenomenon.
  - B) Control an outcome.
  - C) Understand a phenomenon.
  - D) Predict an outcome.
7. A group of students is studying for an upcoming test that includes material on the ways of knowing in nursing. The group demonstrates the need for additional study when they identify which of the following as a way of knowing in nursing?
- A) Aesthetic
  - B) Objective
  - C) Personal
  - D) Moral
8. An instructor is preparing a teaching plan for a class discussion on the meaning of science and research in nursing. As part of the class, the instructor is planning to describe the term “science.” Which of the following would the instructor discuss as reflecting sciencing?
- A) Acquisition of knowledge as a path to truth for its own sake
  - B) Knowledge aimed at action based on truth
  - C) Information aimed at making according to true principles
  - D) Knowledge and understanding of phenomena of concern to a discipline
9. When engaging in qualitative research, a nurse researcher subscribes to descriptive phenomenology. The researcher does this for which reason?
- A) Generate theory to control outcomes.
  - B) Understand phenomena based on a set of principles.
  - C) Prove the correctness of the research findings.
  - D) Allow for an unstructured design approach.
10. A nurse researcher is preparing to engage in emancipatory research using critical theory. Which of the following would the researcher need to keep in mind when conducting the research using this paradigm?
- A) The questions asked are as important as the answers obtained.
  - B) The research must be hierarchical in nature.
  - C) The researcher's biases should not be a part of the research.
  - D) The researcher needs to maintain distinctly sharp boundaries with participants.

## **Answer Key**

1. B
2. C
3. A
4. D
5. D
6. C
7. B
8. D
9. B
10. A