

1. Nursing has been considered both a profession and an occupation. Which option supports the definition of nursing as a profession?
 - A) Autonomy
 - B) High pay
 - C) Varied level of skill
 - D) Career with varied knowledge

2. How many levels of entry into practice exist for registered nurses?
 - A) One
 - B) Two
 - C) Three
 - D) Four

3. Nursing is classified as which type of science?
 - A) Pure
 - B) Natural
 - C) Human
 - D) Applied

4. In defining the philosophy of nursing, which element would not be included?
 - A) Purpose of human life
 - B) Nature of being
 - C) Theory of knowledge
 - D) Scientific method

5. When discussing the science and philosophy of a discipline, how would one define the two in relation to each other?
 - A) Autonomous
 - B) Reliant
 - C) Linked
 - D) Unrelated

6. Philosophy's definition includes which of the following?
 - A) Study of problems that are abstract and general
 - B) Measures observable phenomena of interest
 - C) Empirical way of gathering data
 - D) Grounded and tested in experience

7. Based on the scientific and philosophical schools of thought, which one is founded on the belief that what is experienced is what exists and that experiences must be verified through scientific methodology?
- A) Received view
 - B) Human science
 - C) Phenomenology
 - D) Constructivism
8. Which scientific or philosophical school of thought centers on descriptions that are derived from collectively lived experiences, interrelatedness, human interpretation, and learned reality?
- A) Empiricism
 - B) Positivism
 - C) Rationalism
 - D) Perceived view
9. When defining nursing philosophy, which statement is appropriate?
- A) Refers to the belief system of the profession and provides perspectives for practice, scholarship, and research
 - B) Refers to substantive, discipline-specific knowledge focusing on the human-universe-health process
 - C) Recognizes the interrelationship of human responses in health and illness
 - D) Gives direction to the future generation of substantive nursing knowledge
10. Which term can be defined as the study of the theory of knowledge?
- A) Ontology
 - B) Epistemology
 - C) Methodology
 - D) Philosophy
11. There are several defined ways of knowing. Which way of knowing is defined as “a priori knowledge that pertains to knowledge gained from thought alone”?
- A) Empirics
 - B) Personal
 - C) Intuitive
 - D) Somatic

12. One pattern of knowledge in nursing includes the use of knowledge from nursing and other disciplines, abstracted and generalized beyond personal experience. Which pattern of knowledge is this?
- A) Clinical knowledge
 - B) Emancipatory knowing
 - C) Conceptual knowledge
 - D) Empirical knowledge
13. Nursing is described as a human science based on inclusion of which of the following in the discipline? Select all that apply.
- A) Physiology
 - B) Human health
 - C) Biology
 - D) Engineering
 - E) Architecture
 - F) Pharmacology
14. A study is conducted and the methodology used for the data collection is focused on testing a hypothesis and seeking to prove or disprove the hypothesis. Which type of methodology is being used?
- A) Qualitative
 - B) Quantitative
 - C) Methodologic pluralism
 - D) Empirical
15. During the course of a nursing research study, the researcher selects a theory with a phenomenologic foundation, seeking to explore the experiences of teens living with HIV. Which type of methodology is being used?
- A) Qualitative
 - B) Quantitative
 - C) Methodologic pluralism
 - D) Empirical

16. A hospital patient asks a registered nurse whether she can write him a prescription for pain medication he would like to have. The nurse explains that it is out of her scope of practice to do so and that the patient's physician will have to be consulted. Which characteristic of a profession is lacking in this example for nursing?
- A) Defined and specialized knowledge base
 - B) Autonomy
 - C) Altruistic service to society
 - D) Credentialing system
17. Which element identifies nursing as a distinct discipline?
- A) Control over training and education
 - B) A code of ethics
 - C) An identifiable philosophy
 - D) Altruistic service to society
18. A nurse who is conducting research with a population of patients at an assisted living facility is explaining to a new nurse her philosophical viewpoint related to her research. She acknowledges that the nature of research is subjective but still supports rigor and objective study through quantitative research methods. Which school of thought does this represent?
- A) Postpositivism
 - B) Positivism
 - C) Phenomenology
 - D) Postmodernism
19. A nurse had decided to study individual patients' experience of pain and how it is influenced by their experiences, values, and perspectives. Which philosophical approach is she adopting?
- A) Postpositivism
 - B) Positivism
 - C) Postmodernism
 - D) Phenomenology

20. A senior nurse is assisting a novice nurse in finding an appropriate vein in a patient's arm from which to draw blood. The senior nurse takes the other nurse's hand and demonstrates how to palpate the patient's arm for a vein. Which type of knowledge is the senior nurse imparting to the novice nurse?
- A) Personal
 - B) Esthetic
 - C) Somatic
 - D) Intuitive

Answer Key

1. A
2. C
3. D
4. D
5. C
6. A
7. A
8. D
9. A
10. B
11. B
12. C
13. A, B, C
14. B
15. A
16. B
17. C
18. A
19. D
20. C