

## World Aging Quiz

1. In the year 2000, children under the age of 15 still outnumbered elderly people (aged 65+) in almost all nations of the world.
  - a. True
  - b. False
2. The world's elderly population is increasing by approximately how many people each month?
  - a. 50,000
  - b. 300,000
  - c. 500,000
  - d. 800,000
3. Which of the world's developing regions has the highest aggregate percent elderly?
  - a. Africa
  - b. Latin American
  - c. The Caribbean
  - d. Asia (excluding Japan)
4. China has the world's largest total population. Which country has the world's largest elderly (65+) population?
  - a. Japan
  - b. Germany
  - c. China
  - d. Nigeria
5. More than half of the world's elderly today live in the industrialized nations of Europe, North America, and Japan.
  - a. True
  - b. False
6. Of the following countries, which had the highest percentage of elderly people in the year 2000?
  - a. Sweden
  - b. Turkey
  - c. Italy
  - d. France
7. Current demographic projections suggest that 35% of all people in the United States will be at least 65 years of age by the year 2050.
  - a. True
  - b. False

8. The number of the world's "oldest old" (80+) is growing more rapidly than that of the elderly as a whole.
  - a. True
  - b. False
  
9. More than one-third of the world's oldest old (80+) live in which three countries?
  - a. Germany, the US, and the UK
  - b. India, China, and the US
  - c. Japan, China, and Brazil
  - d. Russia, India, and Indonesia
  
10. Japan has the highest life expectancy at birth among developed countries. How many years can the average Japanese baby born in 2000 expect to live?
  - a. 70 years
  - b. 75 years
  - c. 81 years
  - d. 85 years
  
11. Today in some countries life expectancy at birth is less than 40 years.
  - a. True
  - b. False
  
12. What is the leading killer of elderly women in Europe and North America?
  - a. Cancers
  - b. Circulatory diseases
  - c. Respiratory diseases
  - d. Accidents
  
13. Elderly women outnumber elderly men in all developing countries.
  - a. True
  - b. False
  
14. There are more older widows than widowers in virtually all countries because:
  - a. Women live longer than men.
  - b. Women typically marry men older than themselves.
  - c. Men are more likely than women to remarry after divorce or the death of a spouse.
  - d. All of the above.

15. In developed countries, recent declines in labor force participation rates of older (55 and over) workers are due almost entirely to changing work patterns of:
- Men
  - Women
  - Men and women
16. What proportion of the world's countries has a public old-age security program?
- All
  - Three fourths
  - One half
  - One fourth
17. Approximately what percent of the private sector labor force in the United States is covered by a private pension plan (as opposed to, or in addition to, public Social Security)?
- 10%
  - 25%
  - 33%
  - 60%
18. In which country are elderly people least likely to live alone?
- The Philippines
  - Hungary
  - Canada
  - Denmark
19. In developing countries, older men are more likely than older women to be illiterate.
- True
  - False
20. By the year 2025, what percentage of the world's older people will be living in developing countries?
- 15%
  - 40%
  - 66%
  - 75%

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