

Foundational Facts in Public Health

Public Health · Answer Key · 20 Questions

1. In what year was the World Health Organization (WHO) established?

- A) 1945
- B) 1948**
- C) 1952
- D) 1955

2. Who is widely credited with discovering the link between sanitation and cholera in London in the mid-19th century?

- A) Louis Pasteur
- B) Robert Koch
- C) John Snow**
- D) Edward Jenner

3. The first successful vaccine developed was for which disease?

- A) Polio
- B) Smallpox**
- C) Measles
- D) Tetanus

4. Which public health initiative, launched in 1979, aimed to significantly improve global health through specific objectives?

- A) Healthy People 2000**
- B) Global Health Agenda
- C) Millennium Development Goals
- D) Healthy People 2010

5. In the United States, which federal agency is primarily responsible for protecting public health and safety?

- A) FBI
- B) CIA
- C) CDC**
- D) NASA

6. What year did the Human Genome Project officially complete its initial draft sequence?

- A) 1995
- B) 2000
- C) 2003**
- D) 2005

7. The discovery of penicillin by Alexander Fleming occurred in which year?

- A) 1918
- B) 1928**
- C) 1938
- D) 1948

8. Which landmark legislation, passed in the United States in 1965, significantly expanded health insurance coverage for the elderly and poor?

- A) Affordable Care Act
- B) Medicare and Medicaid**
- C) Patient Protection Act
- D) Health Insurance Portability Act

9. The eradication of which disease was announced by the WHO in 1980?

- A) Polio
- B) Smallpox**
- C) Measles
- D) Malaria

10. In which year was the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) founded in the United States?

- A) 1940
- B) 1946**
- C) 1950
- D) 1956

11. The concept of 'social determinants of health' gained significant traction following reports by which international organization in the early 2000s?

- A) UNICEF
- B) WHO**
- C) World Bank
- D) IMF

12. Which scientist is known for developing the first effective vaccine against polio in the 1950s?

- A) Jonas Salk**
- B) Albert Sabin
- C) Edward Jenner
- D) Louis Pasteur

13. What is the approximate global life expectancy at birth in the early 2020s, according to WHO data?

- A) 65 years
- B) 70 years
- C) 73 years**
- D) 78 years

14. The leading cause of death globally in recent years has been:

- A) Infectious diseases
- B) Cancer
- C) Cardiovascular diseases**
- D) Accidents

15. Which year marked the official establishment of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)?

- A) 1942
- B) 1946**
- C) 1950
- D) 1954

16. The 'Five A's' of health promotion often refer to:

- A) Awareness, Action, Access, Advocacy, Accountability**
- B) Anxiety, Avoidance, Acceptance, Activity, Assessment
- C) Allergies, Asthma, Arthritis, Anemia, Anxiety
- D) Affordability, Availability, Accessibility, Acceptability, Adequacy

17. What was the approximate global population in the year 1800?

- A) 500 million
- B) 1 billion**
- C) 1.5 billion
- D) 2 billion

18. The term 'epidemic' refers to a sudden, widespread occurrence of a disease within a:

- A) Single household
- B) Small town
- C) Geographic region or community**
- D) Single country

19. The landmark 'Report on the Sanitary Condition of the Labouring Population of Great Britain' was published in what year?

- A) 1800
- B) 1825
- C) 1842**
- D) 1850

20. Which of these is NOT one of the four main components of public health according to Winslow's definition?

- A) Sanitation of the environment
- B) Control of communicable diseases
- C) Organization of medical care**
- D) Education of the individual in personal hygiene