***Critical Thinking, 6e* (Bassham)**

**Chapter 1 Introduction to Critical Thinking**

1) When we use the word "critical" in reference to critical thinking, we mean "negative and fault-finding."

Answer: FALSE

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2) Wishful thinking is the tendency to accept and defend beliefs that accord with one's own self-interest.

Answer: FALSE

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3) Stereotypes are generalizations about a group of people in which identical characteristics are assigned to all or virtually all members of the group, often without regard to whether such attributions are accurate.

Answer: TRUE

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4) One common form of sociocentrism is group bias.

Answer: TRUE

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5) A person is guilty of practical inconsistency when he or she is hypocritical or fails to practice what he or she preaches.

Answer: TRUE

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6) College tends to emphasize higher-order thinking.

Answer: TRUE

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7) According to Amos Tversky and Daniel Kahneman, the availability heuristic describes the common tendency to make an estimate based on an initial starting point and then fail to adjust sufficiently from that starting point.

Answer: FALSE

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8) One form of egocentrism is the superiority bias.

Answer: TRUE

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9) Precision is an important critical thinking standard.

Answer: TRUE

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10) One important critical thinking disposition is intellectual humility.

Answer: TRUE

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11) Egocentrism is group-centered thinking.

Answer: FALSE

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12) Group bias is a form of egocentrism.

Answer: FALSE

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13) Conformism is the tendency to see one's culture or group as being better than others.

Answer: FALSE

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14) Unwarranted assumptions are things we take for granted without good reason.

Answer: TRUE

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15) Relativistic thinking is based on the idea that there is no objective or absolute truth because truth is simply a matter of opinion.

Answer: TRUE

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16) Logical inconsistency involves saying or believing two or more things that cannot all be true.

Answer: TRUE

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17) Logical correctness is a matter of drawing well-founded conclusions from a set of beliefs.

Answer: TRUE

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18) Thinking is "fair" when it is open-minded, impartial, and free of distorting biases and preconceptions.

Answer: TRUE

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19) Clarity is the same thing as precision.

Answer: FALSE

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20) Relativism can lead to conflicting moral duties.

Answer: TRUE

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21) Self-interested thinking is the tendency to see one's own group (nation, tribe, sect, peer group, etc.) as being inherently better than others.

Answer: FALSE

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22) Superiority bias is the tendency to overrate oneself, which means to see oneself as better in some respect than one actually is.

Answer: TRUE

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23) Egocentrism is the tendency to see reality as centered on oneself.

Answer: TRUE

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24) An assumption is something we take for granted, something we accept as true without any proof or conclusive evidence.

Answer: TRUE

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25) Subjectivism is the view that truth is a matter of social or cultural opinion.

Answer: FALSE

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26) Relativism rules out the idea of moral progress.

Answer: TRUE

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27) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is the general term given to a wide range of cognitive skills and intellectual dispositions needed to effectively identify, analyze, and evaluate arguments and truth claims; to discover and overcome personal preconceptions and biases; to formulate and present convincing reasons in support of conclusions; and to make reasonable, intelligent decisions about what to believe and what to do.

A) Logic

B) Critical thinking

C) Rationality

D) Intelligence

Answer: B

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28) Which of the following critical thinking hindrances is *not* discussed in detail in this chapter?

A) prejudice

B) egocentrism

C) sociocentrism

D) wishful thinking

Answer: A

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29) Which of the following is true of tribalism?

A) Extreme tribalism is easy to recognize as it is usually a conscious and voluntary emotion.

B) The emotion is usually pronounced during periods of stress or perceived threat.

C) It is considered to be a form of superiority bias.

D) It refers to individuals dissociating themselves from their social group.

Answer: B

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30) Conformism is a form of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

A) rationalization

B) sociocentrism

C) provincialism

D) short-term thinking

Answer: B

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31) Self-interested thinking is a form of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

A) emotive thinking

B) short-term thinking

C) sociocentrism

D) egocentrism

Answer: D

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32) The researcher who used electrical shocks to demonstrate the power of conformism was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

A) Jean Piaget

B) Stanley Milgram

C) Solomon Asch

D) Abraham Maslow

Answer: B

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33) Critical thinking is marked by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

A) clarity

B) completeness

C) consistency

D) All of the answers are correct

Answer: D

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34) A course in critical thinking can improve students' ability to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

A) understand course materials

B) critically evaluate course materials

C) argue effectively for their own views on course topics

D) All of the answers are correct

Answer: D

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35) Which of the following reflects group-centered thinking?

A) egocentrism

B) sociocentrism

C) group bias

D) the herd instinct

Answer: B

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36) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is the tendency to overrate oneself.

A) Superiority bias

B) Egocentrism

C) Sociocentrism

D) Vanity

Answer: A

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37) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is the tendency to conform, often unthinkingly, to authority or to group standards of conduct and belief.

A) Authoritarianism

B) The lemming instinct

C) Sociocentrism

D) Conformism

Answer: D

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38) The classic 1950s experiment in which students were asked to match a standard line with three comparison lines in order to test the power of peer pressure was conducted by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

A) Sigmund Freud

B) Stanley Milgram

C) B. F. Skinner

D) Solomon Asch

Answer: D

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39) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are generalizations about a group of people in which identical characteristics are assigned to all or virtually all members of the group, often without regard to whether such attributions are accurate.

A) Stereotypes

B) Biases

C) Assumptions

D) None of the answers are correct

Answer: A

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40) Amber notices that a few currency notes are missing from her purse kept on her coffee table. She immediately holds Lily, the housemaid, accountable for it because the previous housemaid who was from the same village as Lily had stolen money from Amber's house. In this case, Amber's thought process reflects \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

A) hasty generalization

B) superiority bias

C) narcissism

D) relativistic thinking

Answer: A

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41) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is the view that truth is a matter of individual opinion.

A) Relativism

B) Subjectivism

C) Emotivism

D) Individualism

Answer: B

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42) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is the view that truth is a matter of social or cultural opinion.

A) Cultural relativism

B) Subjectivism

C) Nonabsolutism

D) Majoritarianism

Answer: A

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43) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is the view that what is morally right and good for an individual is whatever that person believes is morally right and good.

A) Conventionalism

B) Moral anti-realism

C) Moral subjectivism

D) Preferentialism

Answer: C

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44) Relativism \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

A) makes it impossible for us to correctly criticize other cultures' customs and values

B) makes it impossible for us to correctly criticize our own societies' customs and values

C) can lead to conflicting moral duties

D) All of the answers are correct

Answer: D

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45) The fact that there is deep disagreement about ethical issues shows that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

A) there is no objective truth in ethics

B) ethics is just a matter of opinion

C) there is no right or wrong

D) None of the answers are correct

Answer: D

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46) Which of the following barriers to critical thinking is highlighted in Chapter 1?

A) selective memory

B) wishful thinking

C) provincialism

D) the availability bias

Answer: B

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47) Believing something because it makes one feel good, not because there is good reason for believing that it is true, is referred to as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

A) practical inconsistency

B) egocentrism

C) wishful thinking

D) divergent thinking

Answer: C

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48) The following statement is an example of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. "This generous pension package benefits me; therefore, it's good."

A) sociocentric thinking

B) self-interested thinking

C) group bias

D) superiority bias

Answer: B

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49) Aleesa, who wants to have two biological children, is extremely happy with the government's decision to relax the one-child policy in her country. Her country is struggling with the problem of overpopulation, but Aleesa does not want the government to recall this decision. This scenario illustrates \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

A) a self-fulfilling prophecy

B) self-interested thinking

C) conformism

D) elitism

Answer: B

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50) Uncritical thinkers tend to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

A) be closed-minded and resist criticisms of beliefs and assumptions

B) think illogically and draw unsupported conclusions from evidence and data

C) base beliefs on mere personal preference or self-interest

D) All of the answers are correct

Answer: D

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