

## HPPAE STUDENT PRE-TEST

Congratulations on your acceptance into the Hartford Partnership Program for Aging Education (HPPAE). In order to assist us in evaluating the success of the HPPAE, we would like you to complete this questionnaire. This is not a graded test. Your responses to this questionnaire will be kept entirely anonymous and confidential. You will also find that these questions will help you to define learning goals as you work toward becoming a geriatric social worker.

At the completion of your participation as a HPPAE Intern, we will be asking you to complete a similar questionnaire, to see how things are the same or different. In order to connect the two questionnaires WITHOUT KNOWING YOUR IDENTITY, please enter the last 4 digits of your Student ID number:

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Today's Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ (month/day/year)

Name of your university: \_\_\_\_\_

### A. CAREER INTEREST

A1. Which field of practice do you plan on working in after graduation? Circle all that apply.

- 1 Aging
- 2 Children
- 3 Families
- 4 Other (Specify: \_\_\_\_\_)

A2. What practice setting do you plan on working in after graduation? Circle all that apply.

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|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 Hospital                     | 11 Medical clinic or office     |
| 2 Area Agency on Aging         | 12 Educational institution      |
| 3 Private practice/consultant  | 13 Mental health                |
| 4 Long-term care               | 14 Home health care             |
| 5 Housing/assisted living      | 15 Senior center                |
| 6 Social service agency        | 16 Adult day care               |
| 7 Public policy/advocacy       | 17 Gov't/public social services |
| 8 Hospice                      | 18 Community development        |
| 9 Corporate elder care program | 19 Other (Specify: _____)       |
| 10 Care/case management        |                                 |

### B. KNOWLEDGE OF AGING FOR GERIATRIC SOCIAL WORK QUIZ\*

*Please answer the following multiple choice questions by circling only one response for each statement. If you do not know the answer, please circle the number 5.*

B1. The proportion of people over 65 who have major cognitive impairment or dementia is

- 1 About 1 in 100
- 2 About 1 in 10
- 3 About 1 in 2
- 4 The majority
- 5 Don't know

B2. The senses that tend to weaken in old age are

- 1 Sight and hearing
- 2 Taste and smell
- 3 Sight, hearing, and touch
- 4 All five senses
- 5 Don't know

- B3. The percentage of people over 65 in long-stay institutions (such as nursing homes, mental hospitals, and homes for the aged) is about
- 1 5%
  - 2 10%
  - 3 25%
  - 4 50%
  - 5 Don't know
- B4. The proportion of old people who are socially isolated is
- 1 Almost all
  - 2 Almost half
  - 3 Less than a fourth
  - 4 Almost none
  - 5 Don't know
- B5. The majority of old couples
- 1 Have little or no interest in sex
  - 2 Are not able to have sexual relations
  - 3 Continue to enjoy sexual relations
  - 4 Think sex is for only the young
  - 5 Don't know
- B6. Severe mental illness among persons over 65 afflicts
- 1 The majority
  - 2 About half
  - 3 About 15% to 25%
  - 4 Very few
  - 5 Don't know
- B7. If older mental patients make up false stories, it is best to
- 1 Point out to them that they are lying
  - 2 Punish them for lying
  - 3 Reward them for their imagination
  - 4 Ignore or distract them
  - 5 Don't know
- B8. Suicide rates among women tend to
- 1 Increase in old age
  - 2 Stay about the same
  - 3 Decrease somewhat in old age
  - 4 Decrease markedly
  - 5 Don't know
- B9. When all types of mental impairment are added together, the elderly have
- 1 Higher rates than younger persons
  - 2 About the same rates as younger persons
  - 3 Lower rates than younger persons
  - 4 Higher rates for ages 65 to 74 than for those over 75
  - 5 Don't know
- B10. The poverty rate (as defined by the federal government) among old people is
- 1 Higher than among children under age 18
  - 2 Higher than among all persons under 65
  - 3 About the same as among persons under 65
  - 4 Lower than among persons under 65
  - 5 Don't know
- B11. The health and economic status of old people in the year 2010 will
- 1 Be higher than now
  - 2 Be about the same as now
  - 3 Be lower than now
  - 4 Show no consistent trend
  - 5 Don't know
- B12. Alzheimer's disease is
- 1 The most common type of cognitive impairment
  - 2 An acute illness
  - 3 A benign memory disorder
  - 4 A form of affective disorder
  - 5 Don't know
- B13. Compared with younger persons, more older persons (65 or over) are limited in their activity by which type of illness?

- 1 Acute illness
- 2 Colds and flu
- 3 Infections
- 4 Chronic illnesses
- 5 Don't know

B14. When talking to an older person, it is best

- 1 To avoid looking directly at the patient
- 2 To glance at the patient occasionally
- 3 To ignore the patient's reactions
- 4 To look directly at the patient
- 5 Don't know

B15. When a demented patient talks about his/her past, it usually

- 1 Is enjoyed by the patient
- 2 Depresses the patient
- 3 Increases the patient's confusion
- 4 Has no effect
- 5 Don't know

B16. The primary causes of paranoid disorders in old age are

- 1 Isolation and hearing loss
- 2 Persecution and abuse
- 3 Near death experience
- 4 None of the above
- 5 Don't know

B17. Social Security benefits

- 1 Automatically increase with inflation
- 2 Are not subject to change
- 3 Must be adjusted by Congress
- 4 Are often cut back to balance the deficit
- 5 Don't know

B18. As for income,

- 1 The majority of elderly live below the poverty level.
- 2 The elderly are the poorest age group in our society.
- 3 The elderly get their proportionate share of the nation's income.
- 4 The income gap between elderly and younger people is widening.
- 5 Don't know

B19. The prevalence of mental illness among the elderly in long-term care institutions is:

- 1 About 10%
- 2 About 25%
- 3 About 50%
- 4 More than 75%
- 5 Don't know

B20. Older persons who reduce their activity tend to be

- 1 Happier than those who remain active
- 2 Not as happy as those who remain active
- 3 About as happy as others
- 4 Healthier
- 5 Don't know

B21. Major depression is

- 1 Less prevalent among elders
- 2 More prevalent among elders
- 3 Unrelated to age
- 4 A sign of senility
- 5 Don't know

- B22. Psychotherapy with older patients is
- 1 Usually ineffective
  - 2 Often effective
  - 3 Effective with Alzheimer's patients
  - 4 A waste of the therapist's time
  - 5 Don't know
- B23. Men's life expectancy at age 65 compared with women's
- 1 Is lower
  - 2 Is dropping
  - 3 Is about the same
  - 4 Is higher
  - 5 Don't know
- B24. Comparing widows with widowers among the aged,
- 1 Their numbers are about equal.
  - 2 There are about twice as many as widows as widowers.
  - 3 There are about five times as many widows as widowers.
  - 4 There are about twice as many widowers as widows.
  - 5 Don't know
- B25. The rate of poverty among the elderly is
- 1 Lower than among those under 65
  - 2 Higher than among those under 65
  - 3 The same as it is for other age groups
  - 4 High as a result of their fixed incomes
  - 5 Don't know

Source: Items were selected from the Facts on Aging (FAQ): FAQ1, FAQ2, and FAMHQ. Palmore, E. (1998). *The Facts on Aging Quiz (Second Ed.)*. New York, NY: Springer Publishing Company.

### C. KNOWLEDGE OF SERVICES FOR OLDER ADULTS\*

Match the service listed in Column A with the correct definition listed in Column B:  
Place the number from Column A next to the letter of the correct definition in Column B.

<u>Column A</u>	_____	<u>Column B</u>
1. Adult day care	_____	a. Skilled nursing and rehabilitation in the home
2. Adult day health care	_____	b. Assists with personal care and chore needs in the home
3. Assisted living housing	_____	c. Meals to homebound elderly
4. Board and care home/ residential facility	_____	d. Equipment to assist in ambulation, to complete activities, and for safety purposes
5. Congregate meal	_____	e. Provides palliative care for terminally ill patients
6. Durable medical equipment (DME)	_____	f. Supervised housing for elderly including personal unscheduled assistance with ADL/IADL problems
7. Home delivered meals (Meals on Wheels)	_____	g. Social model day program
8. Attendant/Home Care/ Personal Care Services	_____	h. Provides 24-hour skilled nursing and custodial care
9. Home health care	_____	i. Social activities center and meals for older adults
10. Hospice care	_____	j. Offers meals for groups for older adults in a geographic area
11. Senior centers	_____	k. Socialization/rehabilitation day program for functionally impaired elderly
12. Skilled nursing facility	_____	l. Provides supervised housing, prepared meals, and medication management

Source: Damron-Rodriguez, J.A., Frank, J., Heck, E., Liu, D., Sragow, S., Cruise, P., & Osterweil, D. (1998). Physician knowledge of community-based care: What's the score? *Annals of Long-Term Care*, 6(4), 112-121.