

Chapter 2--Understanding Human Sexuality: Theory and Research

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- B. Since so many people now use the Internet, you can get a very representative sample of Americans.
- C. In Internet studies of sexuality, informed consent is not necessary.
- D. Researchers should be concerned that minors can get access to the survey.
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46. Which person below is MOST likely to be willing to participate in a research study of sexuality?

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- B. Anna, who is sexually experienced and sexually liberal
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- B. sexual intercourse occurs most often when couples awaken in the morning.
- C. foreplay precedes sexual intercourse.
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True False

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True False

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True False

54. Queer theory supports slow, steady social change.

True False

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56. Kinsey found that the majority of heterosexual couples in his study only had sex in the missionary position.

True False

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True False

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- D.** increasing reliability.
- E. reducing questions about causation.

45. Which of the following is TRUE about Internet-based sexuality research?

- A. Researchers can be fairly certain that subjects are being truthful, because of the anonymity.
- B. Since so many people now use the Internet, you can get a very representative sample of Americans.
- C. In Internet studies of sexuality, informed consent is not necessary.
- D.** Researchers should be concerned that minors can get access to the survey.
- E. all of the above are true.

46. Which person below is MOST likely to be willing to participate in a research study of sexuality?

- A. Jose, who is sexually experienced, but somewhat sexually conservative
- B. Anna, who is sexually experienced and sexually liberal
- C. Isaac, who has limited sexual experienced, but liberal attitudes towards sex
- D.** Joshua, who is sexually experienced and sexually liberal
- E. Melissa, who has only had oral sex, but is sexually liberal

47. Cross-cultural research has shown that, in most cultures studied,

- A. those with a written language have the lowest rates of masturbation.
- B. sexual intercourse occurs most often when couples awaken in the morning.
- C.** foreplay precedes sexual intercourse.
- D. the percent of females experiencing regular orgasms is fairly constant.
- E. women usually initiate foreplay.

48. Overall, the U.S. approach to sex research is best characterized as:

- A. "theory-driven" and underfunded.
- B.** "problem-driven" and underfunded.
- C. "theory-driven" and adequately funded.
- D. "problem-driven" and adequately funded.
- E. neither theory- nor problem-driven and adequately funded.

49. Of the following options, the one which has been most supportive of sexuality research over the past several years is:

- A. the U.S. Congress.
- B. the Traditional Values Coalition.
- C. those who view lifelong monogamous relationships as critically important.
- D.** the Coalition to Protect Research.
- E. the Safe Sex Political Action Committee.

50. Which of the following conducted a global study of sexuality?

- A. Bell and Weinberg
- B. Masters and Johnson
- C. Samuel and Cynthia Janus
- D. Pfizer Pharmaceuticals**
- E. all of the above

51. Sigmund Freud believed that our basic personality is formed by events that happen to us in the first six years of life.

TRUE

52. According to Freud, in the phallic stage, girls develop penis envy.

TRUE

53. Early sexuality research from the 19th century concentrated on the healthy and fun aspects of sexuality.

FALSE

54. Queer theory supports slow, steady social change.

FALSE

55. Sexuality research has become fragmented over the last few decades.

TRUE

56. Kinsey found that the majority of heterosexual couples in his study only had sex in the missionary position.

TRUE

57. Masters and Johnson gathered sexuality data primarily through questionnaires.

FALSE

58. Masters and Johnson conducted the first comprehensive study of homosexuality by interviewing over 700 homosexual participants.

FALSE

59. The NHSLS study found that single people reported the highest level of sexual activity and satisfaction.

FALSE

60. The research methodology of direct observation faces challenges because it is expensive and it is difficult to find willing subjects.

TRUE

61. The main limitation of a correlational study is that it doesn't provide any information about cause.

TRUE

62. The National Health and Social Life Study found published in the 1990s reported that Americans were more sexually liberal than previously thought.

FALSE

63. Conservative politicians have repeatedly been successful in eliminating funding for sexuality research.

TRUE

64. The most effective form of communication takes place acoustically, when people talk and listen to each other.

TRUE

65. Women are better than men at decoding nonverbal communication.

TRUE

66. Freud's theory of psychosexual development, once dominant, has lost considerable support among sexologists: Why?

Answer not provided.

67. Discuss the strengths and weaknesses of Freud's psychoanalytic theory.

Answer not provided.

68. Contrast the different perspectives social learning theorists and evolutionary theorists would take towards studying children's gender development.

Answer not provided.

69. List two prominent sexuality researchers and explain two contributions to the field of sexuality for each of them.

Answer not provided.

70. Discuss some of the reasons that Kinsey's study was so influential.

Answer not provided.

71. Kinsey took great care in designing his study to be as free from bias as possible. Describe how he avoided bias with his choice of sampling and data collection methods.

Answer not provided.

72. In Bell and Weinberg's study, a group of 5,000 homosexual men and women were compared with 5,000 heterosexual men and women. Discuss the major findings of this study

Answer not provided.

73. Given the many advantages of experimentation as a research method, what are some important reasons why it isn't used more in sexuality research?

Answer not provided.

74. Describe several important ethical issues one must consider in conducting sexuality research.

Answer not provided.

75. Why is reliability viewed as difficult to obtain in sexuality research?

Answer not provided.