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## AmeriCorps Student Leaders in Service Drug Awareness Quiz

The AmeriCorps Student Leaders in Service Program is committed to protecting the safety, health and wellbeing of all members and other individuals in community-based sites. A safe and productive drug-free workplace is achieved through cooperation and knowledge. More than 70 percent of substance abusers hold jobs and one worker in four, ages 18 to 34, used drugs in the past year (American Council for Drug Intervention). It is important to be educated on drugs, their effects and occurrences, and ways to get help.

**In compliance with our Drug Free Workplace Policy and AmeriCorps Policy, all members are required to take this Drug Awareness Quiz *prior* to enrollment in the Student Leaders in Service Program.**

Please read each question carefully and then print the letter of the correct answer next to the question.

- 1.) \_\_\_\_\_ Of adult tobacco users, what percent report using tobacco regularly before age 18?
  - a. 20%
  - b. 40%
  - c. 60%
  - d. 80%
  
- 2.) \_\_\_\_\_ The effects of marijuana include:
  - a. Disorientation
  - b. Altered time and space perceptions
  - c. Impaired motor coordination
  - d. All of the above
  
- 3.) \_\_\_\_\_ Marijuana is a gateway drug, with those who use marijuana being more likely to go on to use other drugs.
  - a. True
  - b. False
  
- 4.) \_\_\_\_\_ Binge drinking is defined as:
  - a. Drinking until you blackout and cannot remember
  - b. Drinking to the point of passing out
  - c. Drinking five or more drinks at one time
  - d. Drinking five or more days in a row
  
- 5.) \_\_\_\_\_ What percentage of teenagers are binge drinkers?
  - a. 5%
  - b. 15%
  - c. 25%
  - d. 50%
  
- 6.) \_\_\_\_\_ Increased heart rate, convulsions, paranoia and damaged nasal tissue are a few of the effects of using:

- a. Marijuana
- b. Cocaine
- c. Heroin
- d. Amphetamines

- 7.) \_\_\_\_\_ Is cocaine still a problem in America?  
a. Yes  
b. No
- 8.) \_\_\_\_\_ The most commonly abused drug in the United States is:  
a. Marijuana  
b. Alcohol  
c. Cocaine  
d. Heroin
- 9.) \_\_\_\_\_ More people die each year in the U.S. as a result of:  
a. Alcohol  
b. Tobacco  
c. Heroin  
d. Cocaine
- 10.) \_\_\_\_\_ The majority of inhalant users are:  
a. Men  
b. Children  
c. Women  
d. The elderly
- 11.) \_\_\_\_\_ Marijuana is much stronger today than it was 10 years ago.  
a. True  
b. False
- 12.) \_\_\_\_\_ Marijuana can stay in the body up to:  
a. 3 days  
b. One week  
c. One month  
d. 3 months
- 13.) \_\_\_\_\_ The chemical in marijuana that causes the high is:  
a. Nicotine  
b. THC  
c. MDMA
- 14.) \_\_\_\_\_ PCP is also known as:  
a. Acid  
b. Smack  
c. Angel dust  
d. Ludes
- 15.) \_\_\_\_\_ Physical dependence can involve painful withdrawal symptoms when the drug is no longer being used.  
a. True  
b. False

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**Member Signature**

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**Date**

## Answer Key

### Statistics from the American Council for Drug Education

1. **d. 80%**

80% of adult tobacco users report using tobacco regularly before age 18. Since addiction can occur after smoking only 100 cigarettes and the ingredients in cigarette smoke affects development, it is important to not smoke while you are still young.

2. **d. all of the above**

Marijuana causes all of the above effects. This is why it is extremely dangerous to drive under the influence of marijuana.

3. **True**

Of those who use marijuana 3 to 10 times, 20% go on to use cocaine. Of those who use marijuana 100 times or more, 75% go on to use cocaine.

4. **c. drinking five or more drinks at one time**

Binge drinking is consumption of five or more drinks on a single occasion. This is the amount of alcohol needed to raise the average person's blood alcohol concentration about 0.1%.

5. **b. 15%**

About 15% of teens are binge drinkers in any given month. In addition, almost one out of every five teenagers, or 16 percent, has experienced black out spells where they could not remember what happened the previous evening because of heavy drinking.

6. **b. cocaine**

7. **a. Yes**

While cocaine use has decreased since its height in the mid-1980's, there have been nearly 2 million cocaine users every year since 1992.

8. **b. alcohol**

9. **b. tobacco**

Every eight seconds someone in the world dies from a tobacco related illness/disease. Smoking is the #1 preventable cause of premature death in the United States.

10. **b. children**

Between 2004 and 2006, an estimated 218,000 youths aged 12-17 used inhalants and also experienced depression in the past year.

11. **a. True**

12. **c. one month**

13. **b. THC**

Tetrahydrocannabinol is the main psychoactive substance found in the Cannabis plant.

14. **c. angel dust**

Phencyclidine is a dissociative drug exhibiting hallucinogenic and neurotoxic effects. Although the primary psychoactive effects of the drug last only hours, total elimination from the body is prolonged, typically extending over at least 8 days.

15. **a. True**