

Chapter 2 Introduction to Professionalism

Multiple Choice

1. A social worker demonstrates integrity when he _____.
- A. Engages in self-exploration.
 - B. Demonstrates compassion.
 - C. Shares information that is supported by evidence.
 - D. Reflects feelings and content.

ANS: C

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2. Professionalism in social work involves all of the following EXCEPT:
- A. Respect for and adherence to the values of the social work profession and its code of ethics.
 - B. Involvement in politically active groups.
 - C. Engagement in diversity and respect for difference.
 - D. Personal and professional integrity.

ANS: B

PG: 28-29

3. In the profession of social work, integrity involves:
- A. Honesty
 - B. Sincerity
 - C. Humility
 - D. All of the above.

ANS: D

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4. As a social worker, you demonstrate integrity when you:
- A. Share your "gut feelings" even when they are unsupported by the evidence.
 - B. Keep quiet about a colleague's cheating on an exam.
 - C. Tell clients the truth.
 - D. Treat a client for a problem you have no training for or experience with.

ANS: C

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5. According to the Council on Social Work Education, social work curriculum should include content addressing:
- A. Research
 - B. Human behavior and the social environment
 - C. Social and economic justice
 - D. All of the above.

ANS: D
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6. A(n) _____ is a graphic representation of one's family tree.
- A. Genogram
 - B. Sociogram
 - C. Eco-map
 - D. Family Assessment

ANS: A
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7. Which of the following outlines significant or meaningful experiences in a person's life?
- A. Relationship timeline
 - B. Critical Events Timeline
 - C. Issue Timeline
 - D. Successes Timeline

ANS: B
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8. Scales regarding self-control and acceptance of others provide information about which of the following?
- A. Quality of the social network
 - B. Temporal dimension
 - C. Personal beliefs, behaviors, and attitudes
 - D. All of the above

ANS: C
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TRUE/FALSE

T F 1. Social workers are obligated personally, morally, ethically, and legally to reflect high standards of professionalism in all aspects of service activities.

ANS: T
PG: 31

T F 2. In addition to sophisticated knowledge and skill, social workers must *believe* that they can make a difference.

ANS: T
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T F 3. Self-understanding and self-control are best achieved by working on them prior to beginning social work practice.

ANS: F
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- T F 4. Professional social workers should acknowledge any tendency they may have to feel bias against others.
ANS: T
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- T F 5. Assessments that social workers use to measure personality are based on a single theoretical perspective which is accepted by professionals as being the most valid.
ANS: F
PG: 43
- T F 6. Ecomaps are timelines of major significant experiences in a person's life.
ANS: F
PG: 41
- T F 7. Because of our core professional values and our emphasis on person-in-environment as a focal point, social workers recognize that situations and circumstances strongly influence human experience and action.
ANS: T
PG: 43
- T F 8. Due to confidentiality laws, it is never appropriate to invite a client's family members or friends to join you and your client in meetings.
ANS: F
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- T F 9. Social workers can be impacted by their own social environment.
ANS: T
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Essay and/or Short Answer

1. Would a social work student ever be justified in lying to a professor? Would a social worker ever be justified in lying to a supervisor? A client? A judge?
2. Suppose you serve as the supervisor of a social worker who is responsible for overseeing the welfare of abused and neglected children placed in foster care homes. What would you do if you discovered that the social worker fraudulently reports making twice-weekly visits with each child when the truth is that most children receive visits about once every two or three months and some children have not been visited in more than four months. How would your decision about what to do be affected if (a) the children were all safe and healthy or (b) one of the unvisited children died as a result of abuse by members of the foster care family?
3. It is essential that as a social worker you develop a strong social support network to help you manage the impact of the demands of this highly stressful profession, Assess the areas where you may be most impacted by your own social circumstances and outline the key points of a plan by which you might strengthen your capacity for support.