Chapter 6 Section 3

Multiple Choice
Identify the choice that best completes the statement or answers the question.

1. Individuals 65 and over are placed into three groups called the
   a. young-old, middle-old, and old-old.  
   b. old, older, and oldest.  
   c. old, old-old, and oldest.  
   d. early, middle, and late.

2. Which factor does not affect how a person adjusts to retirement?
   a. health  
   b. race  
   c. income  
   d. social networks

3. Which of the following statements is not supported by research?
   a. The work-role loss affects a much smaller number of retired people than had been generally assumed.  
   b. Some retirees consider retirement among the least stressful events that they have experienced.  
   c. People who were happy or fulfilled in their work rarely find retirement satisfying.  
   d. The level of adjustment to retirement reflects a person’s earlier attitudes and behaviors.

4. Suicide rates are high among people over the age of 65, particularly among
   a. members of the labor force.  
   b. minorities.  
   c. white men.  
   d. white women.

5. Researchers now think that most elderly people
   a. cannot learn past a certain age.  
   b. have superior intellectual abilities.  
   c. lose all intellectual abilities.  
   d. retain intellectual abilities throughout life.

6. What do elderly people fear most and why?
   a. dependency because their status in society remains the same  
   b. death because they feel that their lives have been too short  
   c. dependency because it necessitates new behaviors  
   d. death because they have already experienced the loss of loved ones

7. Which group makes up the fastest growing segment of the world's population?
   a. people in late adulthood  
   b. infants and children  
   c. late adolescents  
   d. people in the settling down period

8. Which of the following is recognized by some sociologists as a suicide risk factor for an elderly person?
   a. a person whose identity is closely tied to his or her job  
   b. a person whose physician suggests he or she should exercise regularly  
   c. a person who recently moved  
   d. a person who lives alone

9. Which aspect of intelligence increases until people are in their 70s?
   a. physical stamina  
   b. vocabulary  
   c. memory  
   d. muscle coordination
10. Imagine that a relative in late adulthood wants to donate their skills at the local library. Which organization might you suggest could help him or her find a position?
   a. Retired Senior Volunteer Program
   b. Service Corps of Retired Executives
   c. Foster Grandparents Program
   d. Gray Panthers