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S2S 2047 The Science of Addiction POST-TEST

1. When science began to study addictive behavior in the _______, people who were addicted to drugs or alcohol were thought to be morally flawed or lacking in willpower.

- a. 1920's
- b. 1930's
- c. 1940's
- d. 1950's

2. Abuse and addiction to alcohol, nicotine, and illegal substances cost Americans upwards of ______ dollars per year.

- a. 50 billion
- b. 100 billion
- c. ½ trillion
- d. 1 trillion

3. Addiction is a chronic, relapsing ______ that is characterized by compulsive drug seeking and use, despite harmful consequences.

- a. moral issue
- b. lack of willpower
- c. character flaw
- d. brain disease

4. ______ are particularly vulnerable to drug use because of the strong influence of peer pressure.

- a. women
- b. children
- c. college students
- d. adolescents

5. Brain-imaging studies from drug addicted individuals show physical changes in areas of the brain critical to ______.

- a. judgment and decision making
- b. learning and memory
- c. behavior control
- d. all of the above

6. The more ______ a person has, the greater the chance that taking drugs will lead to abuse and addiction.

- a. protective factors
- b. genetic factors
- c. risk factors
- d. environmental



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- 7. ______ a drug increases its addictive potential.
- a. snorting
- b. injecting
- c. smoking
- d. b and c only
- 8. From 2001 to 2007, teen illicit drug use declined by:
- a. 10%
- b. 15%
- c. 24%
- d. 30%

9. The ______ contains the brain's reward circuit, and is activated by drugs of abuse.

- a. brain stem
- b. limbic system
- c. cerebral cortex
- d. amygdala

10. Chemical messengers in the brain are called ______.

- a. neurotransmitters
- b. receptors
- c. neurons
- d. transporters

11. All drugs of abuse target the brain's reward system by flooding the circuit with ______.

- a. serotonin
- b. dopamine
- c. venlafexine
- d. testosterone

12. Drug addiction relapse rates are ______ than those of hypertension and asthma.

- a. slightly higher
- b. slightly lower
- c. significantly higher
- d. about the same