

MCQs for History of Social Welfare in Canada

1. **When did Canada achieve independence from Great Britain?**
 - a) 1867
 - b) 1931
 - c) 1940
 - d) 1982
 - **Answer:** a) 1867
2. **When did Canada achieve self-governance, although still under British rule?**
 - a) 1867
 - b) 1931
 - c) 1957
 - d) 1966
 - **Answer:** b) 1931
3. **The early social welfare system in Canada was primarily based on which of the following?**
 - a) Government intervention
 - b) Community and family-based support systems
 - c) Universal healthcare
 - d) Corporate welfare
 - **Answer:** b) Community and family-based support systems
4. **Which event significantly accelerated the transformation towards an organized welfare state in Canada?**
 - a) World War I
 - b) World War II
 - c) The Great Depression
 - d) The Industrial Revolution
 - **Answer:** c) The Great Depression
5. **When was the Old Age Pensions Act introduced in Canada?**
 - a) 1927
 - b) 1935
 - c) 1951
 - d) 1966
 - **Answer:** a) 1927
6. **Which year marks the establishment of Canada's first national unemployment insurance program?**
 - a) 1940
 - b) 1944
 - c) 1947
 - d) 1951
 - **Answer:** a) 1940

7. What was the first universal welfare program introduced in Canada?

- a) Old Age Pension
- b) Family Allowances Act
- c) Unemployment Insurance
- d) Canada Assistance Plan
- **Answer:** b) Family Allowances Act

8. The Canada Pension Plan (CPP) was established in which year?

- a) 1951
- b) 1966
- c) 1971
- d) 1976
- **Answer:** b) 1966

9. What does the Canada Assistance Plan (CAP) introduced in 1966 provide?

- a) Unemployment benefits
- b) Cost-sharing conditional grants for welfare and social services
- c) Old-age pensions
- d) Family allowances
- **Answer:** b) Cost-sharing conditional grants for welfare and social services

10. Which act laid the groundwork for Canada's publicly funded healthcare system?

- a) Canada Health Act
- b) Hospital Insurance and Diagnostic Services Act
- c) Medicare Act
- d) Medical Care Act
- **Answer:** b) Hospital Insurance and Diagnostic Services Act

11. What is the primary focus of psychiatric social work in Canada?

- a) Medical diagnosis
- b) Addressing social inequities and structural issues
- c) Institutional care
- d) Financial management
- **Answer:** b) Addressing social inequities and structural issues

12. Which year saw the introduction of the Canada Health Act?

- a) 1966
- b) 1984
- c) 1996
- d) 2004
- **Answer:** b) 1984

13. What was the purpose of the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) introduced in 2020?

- a) Support for low-income seniors
- b) Support for workers affected by the COVID-19 pandemic

- c) Childcare support
- d) Healthcare funding
- **Answer:** b) Support for workers affected by the COVID-19 pandemic

14. Which organization became Canada's accrediting body for social work education in 1972?

- a) Canadian Association of Social Workers (CASW)
- b) Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA)
- c) Canadian Association of Schools of Social Work (CASSW)
- d) International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW)
- **Answer:** c) Canadian Association of Schools of Social Work (CASSW)

15. When did the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) first introduce additional income support for low-income seniors?

- a) 1976
- b) 1984
- c) 1996
- d) 2004
- **Answer:** a) 1976

16. Which year did the Universal Child Care Benefit (UCCB) come into effect?

- a) 2004
- b) 2006
- c) 2016
- d) 2019
- **Answer:** a) 2004

17. When was the Canada Child Benefit (CCB) introduced?

- a) 2006
- b) 2016
- c) 2019
- d) 2021
- **Answer:** b) 2016

18. Which of the following was a significant outcome of World War II in terms of social welfare in Canada?

- a) Introduction of veteran support and widows' pensions
- b) Development of psychiatric social work
- c) Establishment of the Canada Pension Plan
- d) None of the above
- **Answer:** a) Introduction of veteran support and widows' pensions

19. Which Canadian province was the first to grant women the right to vote?

- a) Ontario
- b) Quebec
- c) Manitoba

- d) British Columbia
- **Answer:** c) Manitoba

20. The Famous Five won approval from the Privy Council in 1929 to recognize women as what?

- a) Citizens
- b) Persons
- c) Voters
- d) Politicians
- **Answer:** b) Persons

21. When did the Canadian Mental Health Association originate?

- a) 1918
- b) 1930
- c) 1944
- d) 1951
- **Answer:** a) 1918

22. Which act in 1944 became Canada's first universal welfare program?

- a) Unemployment Insurance Act
- b) Family Allowances Act
- c) Old Age Security Act
- d) Canada Pension Plan
- **Answer:** b) Family Allowances Act

23. In which year was the Canadian Association of Schools of Social Work (CASSW) reorganized?

- a) 1966
- b) 1975
- c) 1982
- d) 1996
- **Answer:** b) 1975

24. Which act in 1971 expanded unemployment insurance coverage and benefits?

- a) Canada Pension Plan
- b) Family Allowances Act
- c) Unemployment Insurance Act
- d) Old Age Security Act
- **Answer:** c) Unemployment Insurance Act

25. What was the impact of rising inflation in 2022 on welfare incomes in Canada?

- a) Increased welfare benefits
- b) Reduced real income for some groups
- c) No impact on welfare incomes
- d) Drastic reduction in welfare incomes
- **Answer:** b) Reduced real income for some groups

26. What is the Canada Workers Benefit (CWB)?

- a) A universal healthcare program
- b) A tax credit for low-income working Canadians
- c) A retirement savings plan
- d) A subsidy for child care
- **Answer:** b) A tax credit for low-income working Canadians

27. Which province increased its Shelter Allowance and implemented extra supplements for families in 2023?

- a) Ontario
- b) Quebec
- c) British Columbia
- d) Alberta
- **Answer:** c) British Columbia

28. What was the primary purpose of the Canadian National Committee for Mental Hygiene?

- a) Promotion of psychiatric social work
- b) Advocacy for mental health education
- c) Establishment of mental health hospitals
- d) All of the above
- **Answer:** b) Advocacy for mental health education

29. Which decade saw a shift towards community-based care in psychiatric social work in Canada?

- a) 1930s
- b) 1950s
- c) 1960s
- d) 1980s
- **Answer:** c) 1960s

30. In which year was Mental Health Week first introduced across Canada?

- a) 1930
- b) 1944
- c) 1951
- d) 1966
- **Answer:** c) 1951

31. What did the amendments to the Mental Health Act in the 1980s grant individuals?

- a) Access to universal healthcare
- b) The right to alternative treatment options
- c) Free psychiatric care
- d) Financial benefits for mental health treatment
- **Answer:** b) The right to alternative treatment options

32. Which year saw the replacement of the Canada Assistance Plan (CAP) with the Canada Health and Social Transfer (CHST)?

- a) 1977
- b) 1984
- c) 1996
- d) 2004
- **Answer:** c) 1996

33. The Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) provides additional income to which group?

- a) Low-income seniors
- b) Unemployed Canadians
- c) Families with children
- d) Disabled individuals
- **Answer:** a) Low-income seniors

34. The International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW) was preceded by which organization founded in 1928?

- a) Canadian Association of Social Workers
- b) International Permanent Secretariat of Social Workers
- c) International Social Work Organization
- d) Canadian Mental Health Association
- **Answer:** b) International Permanent Secretariat of Social Workers

35. What was the primary reason for the establishment of the first psychiatric wards in Quebec in 1714?

- a) To provide institutional care for the mentally ill
- b) To conduct medical research
- c) To support soldiers with mental health issues
- d) To offer religious counseling
- **Answer:** a) To provide institutional care for the mentally ill

36. Which of the following did the Old Age Security Act introduced in 1951 replace?

- a) Old Age Pensions Act of 1927
- b) Unemployment Insurance Act of 1940
- c) Family Allowances Act of 1944
- d) Canada Pension Plan of 1966
- **Answer:** a) Old Age Pensions Act of 1927

37. The social gospel movement in the 1830s was primarily driven by which organizations?

- a) Government agencies
- b) Charities and church parishes
- c) Labor unions
- d) Private corporations

- **Answer:** b) Charities and church parishes

38. When did the first school of social services open in Canada?

- a) 1914
- b) 1928
- c) 1935
- d) 1944
- **Answer:** a) 1914

39. What was the focus of the Canadian Patriotic Fund during World War I?

- a) Providing support to soldiers' families
- b) Building military hospitals
- c) Raising funds for war efforts
- d) Supporting veterans' education
- **Answer:** a) Providing support to soldiers' families

40. What was a key goal of the CASW Code of Ethics developed in 1977?

- a) Establishing universal healthcare
- b) Creating a national standard for social work ethics
- c) Providing unemployment benefits
- d) Supporting mental health patients
- **Answer:** b) Creating a national standard for social work ethics

41. Which of the following is a key component of Canada's contemporary social welfare system?

- a) Government ownership of all industries
- b) A combination of universal programs and targeted assistance
- c) Elimination of private charity organizations
- d) Universal basic income for all citizens
- **Answer:** b) A combination of universal programs and targeted assistance

42. Which event in the 1990s led to cuts in social welfare spending and restructuring of programs in Canada?

- a) The Cold War
- b) Economic challenges
- c) Introduction of the Canada Pension Plan
- d) The collapse of the Soviet Union
- **Answer:** b) Economic challenges

43. The Old Age Pensions Act introduced in 1927 was based on what type of test?

- a) Needs-based test
- b) Means test
- c) Merit-based test
- d) None of the above
- **Answer:** b) Means test

44. The Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) was a response to which crisis?

- a) The Great Depression
- b) World War II
- c) The COVID-19 pandemic
- d) The 2008 financial crisis
- **Answer:** c) The COVID-19 pandemic

45. Which Canadian city had its first poor population study published in 1897?

- a) Toronto
- b) Montreal
- c) Vancouver
- d) Ottawa
- **Answer:** b) Montreal

46. Who spearheaded the establishment of the International Permanent Secretariat of Social Workers in 1928?

- a) Dr. Clarence Hincks
- b) Clifford Beers
- c) Dr. Rene Sand
- d) Herbert Ames
- **Answer:** c) Dr. Rene Sand

47. Which Canadian association developed a comprehensive code of ethics for social work in 1977?

- a) CASW
- b) CASSW
- c) CMHA
- d) IFSW
- **Answer:** a) CASW

48. Which year marked the introduction of Mental Health Week across Canada?

- a) 1930
- b) 1944
- c) 1951
- d) 1966
- **Answer:** c) 1951

49. What did the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) provide when introduced in 1976?

- a) Additional income to low-income seniors
- b) Unemployment benefits
- c) Childcare subsidies
- d) Healthcare coverage
- **Answer:** a) Additional income to low-income seniors

50. Which event led to the development of Canada's first national unemployment insurance program in 1940?

- a) World War I
- b) The Great Depression
- c) World War II
- d) The Cold War
- **Answer:** c) World War II

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