

ALCOHOLISM in AMERICA

DIRECTIONS: Answer TRUE or FALSE to the following statements

- _____ 1. At least 9 million Americans are alcoholics or problem drinkers.
- _____ 2. There are more alcoholics in metropolitan San Francisco alone than narcotic addicts in the entire United States.
- _____ 3. One-third to one-half of all arrests by police in America are for chronic drunkenness.
- _____ 4. Alcohol seems to be replacing marijuana as the number one problem among teenagers.
- _____ 5. Fifty percent of the 10th grade students interviewed in a government survey reported drinking at night in cars.
- _____ 6. In this same survey, the number of high school students who have never used alcohol is up 90% in three years.
- _____ 7. Twenty-three percent of all high school students report that they get drunk at least once a year.
- _____ 8. Ten percent of New York's juniors and seniors are "already or potentially alchoholics."
- _____ 9. Cirrhosis of the liver is the sixth leading cause of death in America.
- _____ 10. As many as 20% of the inmates of state mental hospitals are there because of chronic psychosis due to alcoholic brain damage, which is an irreversible condition.
- _____ 11. Marital conflict and divorces, sexual indiscretions, welfare dependency, and child neglect are associated with chronic alchoholism.
- _____ 12. More than half of those in jails and prisons are crimes against the person or property, including murder, rape, theft, burglary, and embezzlement, committed these crimes in association with excessive alcoholic use.
- _____ 13. Alcohol adds to the obesity problem, common among Americans.
- _____ 14. Alcoholism is an illness, a progressive illness, which can never be cured but which, like some other illnesses, can be arrested.
- _____ 15. Many alcoholics who are unable to stop drinking think of themselves as morally weak or possibly mentally unbalanced.
- _____ 16. No one who has become an alcoholic has ever ceased to be an alcoholic.
- _____ 17. Alcoholism has caused many millions of hours of absenteeism from work and school, and costs American firms two billion dollars per year.