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**Current Issues in Corrections Quiz**

1. \_\_\_\_\_Since 2010 the prison and jail populations have decreased. Which of the following is NOT a reason for this decline?
   1. It is only natural for populations to decrease after a period of growth
   2. Penalties are being lessened because of a need to balance budgets
   3. States are creating harsher sentences
   4. States are increasing the use of community sanctions
2. \_\_\_\_\_What does research suggest about the public policy on incarceration?
   1. They favor treating the root cause of crime
   2. They favor incarcerating all drug offenders
   3. They favor tougher sentences
   4. They favor giving judges more discretion
3. \_\_\_\_\_Texas decreased their budget by $523 million dollars by doing which of the following?
   1. Building more prisons
   2. Increasing sentences for drug offenders
   3. Returning parole violators to prison for technical violations
   4. Expanding drug treatment and diversion beds
4. \_\_\_\_\_Many agencies are finding creative ways to reduce their budgets. Which of the following has NOT contributed to the reduction of spending?
   1. Handling parole violators through use of community sanctions
   2. Increasing sentences for drug offenders
   3. Diverting offenders to rehabilitation centers
   4. Allowing offenders to earn good time credit toward early release
5. \_\_\_\_\_Staff diversity is important for all of the following reasons, except which of the following?
   1. Women bring a calming effect to a men’s prison environment
   2. Diversity aids in correctional management since many offenders are minorities
   3. Diversity causes segregation among the prison population
   4. Diversity in staff helps create a positive representation among inmates
6. \_\_\_\_\_Which of the following would NOT be a form of recidivism?
   1. Committing a burglary while on parole
   2. Completing a sentence and being returned to prison for a new crime
   3. Committing a robbery while on community supervision
   4. Committing a technical violation while on probation
7. \_\_\_\_\_Which of the following is NOT an example of the use of technology in the correctional environment?
   1. Use of electronic messaging to allow inmates to send and receive mail without mailroom staffing
   2. Use of officers to conduct shake downs on a regular basis to find contraband
   3. Use of Global Positioning System (GPS) tracking to monitor high risk offenders on community supervision
   4. Use of drug detection devices to detect small amounts of drugs on inmate mail
8. \_\_\_\_\_Budget shortfalls and the need to reduce spending are forcing policy-makers to focus on which of the following?
   1. Cheaper alternatives to incarceration, such as community supervision
   2. Building more prison beds
   3. Creating tougher sentencing laws
   4. Increasing the use of technology
9. \_\_\_\_\_Which of the following areas is a current issue in corrections?
   1. Correctional policy’s impact on budget
   2. Staff Diversity
   3. The impact of technology on corrections
   4. All of the above
10. \_\_\_\_\_Which of the following is NOT a method to reduce correctional spending through community sanctions?
    1. Electronic monitoring
    2. Good time credits
    3. Prison drug treatment programs
    4. Community service and day reporting centers