

Transgender Ally Quiz: How Much Do You Know?

1. Which of the following is an affirmative term to refer to some members of the transgender community?
 - a. Gender variant
 - b. Trans
 - c. Genderqueer
 - d. Gender nonconforming
 - e. All of the above
2. Which of the following terms is generally offensive to the community named?
 - a. Berdache
 - b. Hermaphrodite
 - c. Transvestite
 - d. Trannie
 - e. All of the above
3. Which of the following is not a gender identity/expression?
 - a. Pangender
 - b. Genderqueer
 - c. Pansexual
 - d. Androgyne
 - e. Aggressive
4. A person who is assigned female at birth, has taken testosterone, and generally appears masculine is:
 - a. MTF (male-to-female transsexual)
 - b. FTM (female-to-male transsexual)
 - c. Genderqueer
 - d. Intersex
 - e. There is not enough information to answer this question
5. Genderqueer is typically defined as:
 - a. A cisgender (non-transgender) person who supports the transgender community
 - b. A person of any gender who has a political agenda to challenge a gender binary
 - c. A gender-nonconforming person who identifies outside of a gender binary
 - d. All of the above
6. A crossdresser is typically defined as:
 - a. A man who is erotically stimulated by wearing “women’s” clothes
 - b. A drag king or drag queen
 - c. A person who publicly challenges the dress-code expectations for men or women
 - d. A person who feels an inner sense of peace and more at ease wearing clothes that are seen as appropriate for another gender but not one’s own
7. Gender identity refers to:
 - a. One’s biological sex
 - b. The sense of one’s gender
 - c. The set of expected behaviors for males and for females
 - d. how masculine a boy is or how feminine a girl is

8. Crossdressers are distinct from transsexual individuals in that crossdressers
 - a. Tend to recognize their identities in adulthood
 - b. Usually have no desire to change their anatomy
 - c. Are in an early stage of transsexuality
 - d. Are frequently diagnosed with a gender identity disorder

9. Studies of men who identify as crossdressers have found that
 - a. Most crossdressing men are heterosexual
 - b. Most crossdressing men are gay and bisexual
 - c. Crossdressing men are about evenly divided between gay and heterosexual men
 - d. Most crossdressing men are attracted to female clothing and not to other people

10. What is the difference in definition between a transgender person and a transsexual person?
 - a. There is no significant difference between the two categories
 - b. A transgender person is someone who identifies as a gender different from the one assigned to them at birth, while a transsexual person is anyone who feels that their gender assignment does not fit their sense of themselves
 - c. A transsexual person is someone who identifies as a gender different from the one assigned to them at birth, while a transgender person is anyone who feels that their gender assignment does not fit their sense of themselves
 - d. None of the above

11. What is the difference in definition between a transgender person and an intersex person?
 - a. There is no significant difference between the two categories
 - b. An intersex person has male and female biological characteristics, and a transgender person has a felt sense of identity that is incongruous with the identity attributed to them based on their biology
 - c. A transgender person has male and female biological characteristics, and an intersex person has a felt sense of identity that is incongruous with the identity attributed to them based on their biology
 - d. None of the above

12. When you suspect someone might be transgender/genderqueer-identified, how do you know which pronoun to use?
 - a. Ask the person what pronoun(s) they prefer
 - b. Decide based on a person's gender presentation
 - c. Decide based on a person's perceived or known biological sex
 - d. Ask a good friend of the person what pronouns to use

13. What is the state of the relationship of LGB communities to transgender communities?
 - a. LGB communities are generally inclusive and understanding of transgender identities
 - b. Even though the "T" is often included in "LGBT," transgender identities are often marginalized and misunderstood within LGB communities
 - c. There are no connections between LGB and transgender communities
 - d. Transgender people have largely avoided being active in LGB political and social movements

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Correct answers: 1. E, 2. E, 3. C, 4. E, 5. C, 6. D, 7. B, 8. B, 9. A, 10. C, 11. B, 12. A, 13. B