

## Aging Facts Quiz

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After reading the following statements, indicate whether you think the statement is True or False.

- 1) \_\_\_ The large population of elderly people in the United States is a temporary phenomenon caused by the baby boom.
- 2) \_\_\_ Of the babies born in 2000, 83% are expected to survive past 65.
- 3) \_\_\_ Physical and mental capacity inevitably decline with biological aging.
- 4) \_\_\_ The consequences of aging mainly affect the elderly.
- 5) \_\_\_ Younger people are disproportionately minorities, and older people are disproportionately non-minorities.
- 6) \_\_\_ With the increasing deficit in the United States, policy makers will have to choose between investments in programs for the youth or the elderly.
- 7) \_\_\_ The biggest public problems facing the United States stem from Social Security and Medicare/Medicade.
- 8) \_\_\_ The life expectancy could decrease within this century, meaning that people would not live as long they do today.

Answers: F, T, F, F, T, F, F, T