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FREE, CONFIDENTIAL TESTING AVAILABLE TODAY 11:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M. TESTING INCENTIVES AVAILABLE

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT HIV/AIDS?

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   A - 20 percent
   B - 50 percent
   C - 75 percent

2. Worldwide, 40 million people are estimated to be infected with HIV. How many don't know they are infected?
   A - 40 percent
   B - 50 percent
   C - 90 percent

3. What is the biggest HIV risk factor for women in many developing countries?
   A - Being married
   B - Earning less than $1 per day
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4. Which country bans federal funds for needle-exchange programs?
   A - Iran
   B - Brazil
   C - United States

5. Most HIV infections are passed on by people who have been diagnosed with the virus?
   A - True
   B - False

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QUIZ ANSWERS

1. B - 50 percent
   African Americans account for 50 percent of the roughly 40,000 new HIV infections in the U.S. each year.

2. C - 90 percent
   Ninety percent of HIV positive people worldwide don’t know that they have HIV.

3. A - Being married
   In many developing countries, a women's biggest risk factor is being married.

4. C - United States
   In the U.S., federal funding for needle exchange is banned. A quarter of the nation’s estimated 2 million injecting drug users are infected with HIV/AIDS.

5. B - False
   The majority of all HIV infections are passed on by people who don't realize they have the virus. People often live with HIV for many years before they are diagnosed which hugely increases the likelihood of passing it on. This is why it’s so important to get tested if you’ve put yourself at risk.

6. C - All of the above
   Fear is the greatest and most important reason. Add to that ignorance & lack of knowledge. Many people lack the courage to face & deal with the reality and real issues involved with the problem. Social stigma as it was and perhaps still is with other diseases such as tuberculosis and leprosy, even though they are treatable and curable.

7. A - 20 minutes or less
   HIV tests are now so advanced that through a finger prick or saliva sample, can return results in less than 20 minutes.

RESOURCES
FREE WALK-IN TESTING AGENCIES: BROOKLYN - CROWN HEIGHTS COMMUNITY
Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center - 585 Schenectady Avenue, 11203 - 718-604-5000
NYC Dept. of Health - Crown Heights - 1218 Prospect Place, 2nd floor, 11213 - 718-735-0580
Planned Parenthood - 44 Court Street, 6th floor, 11201 - 212-965-7000
Project Beat Street - 1368 Fulton Street, ___ - 718-783-1000

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES, REFERRALS & INFORMATION
HIV/AIDS MINISTRY First Baptist Church of Crown Heights

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