

## Abortion Quiz Answers

1. In 1973, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that abortion is legal:
  - c. Throughout the entire 9 months of pregnancy  
Abortion on demand is legal in the United States up until the moment of birth. The recent Supreme Court decision on partial birth abortion makes it illegal to partially deliver a child and kill the child but if the child can be killed in the womb it is not considered a murder by the court.
2. The number of abortions performed each year in the U.S. is:
  - d. 1,300,000  
Over 48 million unborn children have been killed by abortions since the 1973 Supreme Court decision.
3. Proponents of abortion argue that abortion should be available when the mother's life is endangered, in cases of rape or incest, or when the baby is thought to be handicapped. Abortions performed for these three reasons comprise:
  - a. Less than 3% of all abortions  
Ninety-seven percent of the abortions performed in this country are for economic or social reasons.
4. Most abortions are performed during the first 12 weeks of pregnancy. By the 12th week, the baby has the following:
  - a. Heartbeat
  - b. Detectable brain waves
  - c. Distinct fingerprints
  - d. Complete & functioning organ systems
  - e. All of these  
The unborn child is a complete and unique individual. All he needs is time and proper nutrition to develop and mature.
5. d. four  
There are four clinics in Indianapolis which regularly perform abortions.

### True or False

6. Thousands of women died from illegal abortions each year before the Supreme Court legalized abortion.
  - False - Abortion advocate's figures regarding the number of abortions performed and the number of maternal deaths before 1973 have been grossly exaggerated. Legalizing abortion has not eliminated abortion-related maternal deaths.
7. Legalized abortion has reduced the number of unwanted children; therefore child abuse has decreased.
  - False - Since 1973, child abuse has increased almost 400% in the U.S.; studies have shown that most abused children were wanted children. (Abortion, the ultimate in child abuse, is not included in this statistic.)

8. The law allows a minor girl to have an abortion without the consent and sometimes even the knowledge of her parents.  
True –a few states have passed parental consent legislation and many believe this is why the number of abortions in those states have decreased.
9. The unborn child in a woman's womb is actually part of her body.  
False - The child in the womb, although dependant on the mother, is a separate and distinct individual with a genetic makeup exclusively its own. The baby's cells are different from those of the mother's body and the baby may have a different blood type. After birth, when its place of residence has been changed, the baby is still dependant on others for food and total care.
10. Legal abortion has made it extremely difficult for a couple to adopt a baby.  
True - Annually there are about 2,000,000 couples applying for adoption of an infant; approximately 50,000 infants are available for placement.
11. Some newborn infants with handicaps are allowed to die (left untreated or unfed) after birth each year in America.  
True - The abortion mentality is leading to a general disrespect for life, in particular, "imperfect" life. Who is to determine the standards for "perfection"?
12. One of every four pregnancies in the U.S. ends in abortion.  
True - In some U.S. cities, the number of abortions exceeds the number of live births. For instance, in 1980 in Iowa City, Iowa, there were 3,370 abortions and 1,276 live births.