Questionnaire on Sexually Transmitted Diseases and AIDS

For each of the following statements, put a t in the blank if the statement is true and an f if the statement is false.

1. The first phase of syphilis is a painless blister (similar to a canker sore) that appears on the genitals or possibly on the lip or within the mouth.
   - t

2. Many times syphilis is cured without treatment.
   - f

3. Permanent damage and even death can result in some cases of untreated syphilis.
   - t

4. Syphilis is caused by a bacterium that can live outside the human body for a long time.
   - f

5. Syphilis can be contracted from swimming with an infected person.
   - f

6. Gonorrhea is almost always contract-ed through sexual intercourse.
   - t

7. Eighty-five percent of women with gonorrhea show no early symptoms.
   - f

8. An inflammation of the urethra and a thin, watery discharge from the penis are frequently the first symptoms of gonorrhea in men.
   - t

9. Women with gonorrhea frequently have difficulty with urination.
   - f

10. Gonorrhea cannot be determined by lab tests.
    - f

11. Herpes is hard to get.
    - f

12. Herpes is curable with new salves.
    - f

13. The first symptom of herpes is usually itching or tingling around the genitals.
    - t

14. If someone has the herpes virus, the visible, blistering condition can be triggered by stress, fatigue, or illness.
    - f

15. Herpes is not dangerous for women.
    - f

16. Symptoms of herpes show up almost immediately after contact with the virus.
    - f

17. Untreated herpes can lead to mental retardation.
    - f

18. Chlamydia is the least common sexually transmitted disease.
    - f

19. Penicillin cures all forms of chlamydia.
    - f

20. Eighty percent of women infected with chlamydia have no noticeable symptoms in the initial stages.
    - t

21. No test for chlamydia exists.
    - f

22. The chlamydia epidemic is highest among teenagers.
    - t

23. Chlamydia can cause infertility in both men and women.
    - t

24. Chlamydia is one of the major causes of pelvic inflammatory disease.
    - f

25. Chlamydia seldom affects the newborn children of infected women.
    - f

26. AIDS can be contracted from the water in a hot tub or swimming pool if an infected person has been in it.
    - t

27. Saliva has been shown to carry HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.
    - f

28. Most persons carrying HIV do not develop AIDS itself.
    - t

29. AIDS is contracted through the exchange of bodily fluids, usually blood, semen, or vaginal secretions.
    - f

30. One symptom of AIDS is unexplained weight loss of ten pounds or more.
    - t

31. Asians and Hispanics are immune to AIDS.
    - f

32. Most AIDS victims show symptoms immediately.
    - f

33. The HIV antibody can be transmitted even if the carrier does not know that he or she has the virus.
    - t

34. Pregnant HIV carriers can infect their unborn children.
    - f

35. AIDS can be contracted if an HIV carrier sneezes or coughs on you.
    - f