Quiz: HIV, AIDS, and Drug Abuse

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Instructions: After reviewing Facts on Drugs: HIV, AIDS, and Drug Abuse, on the NIDA for Teens Web site (http://teens.drugabuse.gov/), take this short quiz to test your knowledge.

1. HIV is transmitted when the _________________ of an infected person comes into contact with the blood or mucous membrane of a healthy person.
   A. clothing or skin
   B. blood or other body fluids
   C. drugs or alcohol
   D. blood or hair

2. HIV is _________________.
   A. a virus that attacks the immune system
   B. a sexually transmitted virus
   C. the virus that causes AIDS
   D. all of the above

3. Drug abusers are at risk for HIV infection _________________.
   A. only when they inject drugs
   B. because drugs can affect the way people make decisions
   C. when they share drug injection equipment
   D. both B and C

4. More than ________________ people are living with HIV/AIDS in the United States.
   A. 100,000
   B. 1,000,000
   C. 5,000,000
   D. 10,000,000
5. The name of the treatment regimen commonly used to treat HIV/AIDS is ____________.
   A. selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors
   B. highly active antiretroviral therapy
   C. antibiotics
   D. corticosteroids

6. HIV destroys certain cells in the body, called CD4+, that are important in ____________.
   A. sending messages in the brain
   B. fighting germs and diseases
   C. preventing addiction
   D. maintaining one’s memory

7. Non-injection drug use causes _______________, which is more likely to lead to risky behaviors and an increased risk of acquiring HIV.
   A. poor judgment
   B. impaired critical thinking
   C. sharing fluids from needles
   D. A and B

8. World AIDS Day occurs every _______________ to spread the word about how HIV can be prevented.
   A. December 1
   B. July 1
   C. January 31
   D. September 4
Answer Key: HIV, AIDS, and Drug Abuse Quiz

1. **B:** HIV is transmitted when the blood or body fluids of an infected person comes into contact with the blood or mucous membrane of a healthy person.

2. **D:** HIV is a sexually transmitted virus that attacks the immune system and causes AIDS.

3. **D:** Drug abusers are at risk for HIV infection when they share drug injection equipment and because drugs affect the way people make decisions.

4. **B:** More than 1 million people are living with HIV/AIDS in the United States.

5. **B:** Highly active antiretroviral therapy, commonly called HAART, is a combination of three or more drugs that can hold back the virus.

6. **B:** CD4+ cells are part of the body’s disease and germ fighting immune system. Without them, people with HIV are more susceptible to infections and diseases.

7. **D:** Non-injection drug users experience poor judgment and impaired thinking, often leading to risky behaviors that can increase the risk of getting HIV.

8. **A:** World AIDS Day occurs every December 1 to increase awareness about HIV and to spread the word about ways to prevent it.