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“Sicko” – Worksheet 3

Part A – to be completed by the person who watches the movie. (It would be easiest to fill out this form as you watch the movie.)

PRIOR TO WATCHING THE MOVIE, ANSWER QUESTION #1 and 2:

1. Have you ever heard of this movie’s writer and director, Michael Moore, before?
If so, do you like, hate, or have no opinion of him?
2. Would you be willing to pay higher taxes in order to have government-sponsored healthcare (whereby you would never receive a bill for or have to pay for a doctor’s visit, hospital stay, surgery, or prescription)?

Now, answer questions 3-12 while you are watching the movie.

3. When Dr. Linda Peeno started as a medical reviewer for Humana, she was told she must keep a _____ percent denial rate.
4. Tracy Pierce of Kansas City, Missouri, died because his health insurance company would not cover a potentially life-saving _____ transplant (calling it “experimental), even though his younger brother was a perfect donor match.
5. During the meeting President Nixon had with Ehrlichman regarding HMOs, he told the President: “Edgar Kaiser is running his Permanente deal for _____.”
6. In a World Health Organization ranking of the world’s health systems, the U.S. slipped to number _____, just above _____.
7. Once Billy Tauzin got the drug companies’ bill passed that would supposedly help senior citizens, he left Congress to become the CEO of _____, the industry’s drug lobby, for a salary of _____ dollars a year.
8. Every prescription in Great Britain is filled at a cost of £ _____ to the patient (give answer in British pounds), except for patients under 16 or over 60, who get the medication for _____.
9. In France, both full-time and part-time workers get _____ sick days a year.
10. Detainees at Guantanamo Bay in Cuba have access to acute health care _____ hours a day.
11. 9/11 rescue worker Reggie Cervantes’s medicine in the U.S. costs \$120, but in Cuba, it costs only 3.20 pesos, which is around _____ cents.
12. The United States is the only country in the western world without _____ universal healthcare.

Answer #13 once you have finished watching the movie.

13. Now that you have seen how universal healthcare works in Canada, Great Britain, France, and Cuba, let’s take another look at question #2: would you be willing to pay higher taxes in order to have government-sponsored healthcare? _____ If this is different from your answer in question #2, explain what changed your mind.

Part B – to be completed by the student.

14. At the time of the 2004 census, there were approximately 885,000 doctors in the United States, and there were 305,172,414 total people. What percentage of the U.S. population were doctors in 2004? _____ This corresponds to a ratio of 1 doctor to every 345 Americans. (Just a touch more than at Guantanamo Bay, where the ratio is 1 healthcare provider for every 4 prisoners!)