

# *Autism Initiative: Training Series*

## **Module 1: Overview of Autism in Adolescents and Adults Chapter 1.1: Introduction to Autism**

### **Self-Assessment of Material**

1. What is autism?
  - a. A syndrome characterized by anti-social behavior and depression.
  - b. A syndrome characterized by impairments in social interactions, communication, and stereotyped patterns of behaviors, interests, or activities.
  - c. A mental illness characterized by a lack of interest in other people and social withdrawal.
  - d. A disorder characterized by unspecified difficulty in learning.
  
2. What are 2 reasons why autism prevalence rates are rising (select all that apply)?
  - a. Increases in precipitation levels.
  - b. Increases in awareness of autism.
  - c. Better diagnostic assessments.
  - d. Presence of chemicals in household products and food.
  
3. Which of the following is NOT part of the diagnostic criteria for autism?
  - a. Qualitative impairments in social interactions.
  - b. Symptom onset after 5 years of age.
  - c. Qualitative impairments in communication.
  - d. Restricted or stereotyped patterns of activities, interests and behaviors.
  
4. What is the difference in diagnosis for males and females?
  - a. Females and males are just as likely to be diagnosed with autism.
  - b. Males are more likely to be diagnosed with autism.
  - c. Females are more likely to be diagnosed with autism.
  - d. None of the above.