ANSWERS

What do you know about poverty?

1. The poverty threshold for a family of four in the United States is:
   a. $17,420  b. $21,960  c. $26,500  d. $31,040
   SOURCE: 2021 Poverty Guidelines, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evolution

2. The estimated living wage for two parents who are both working with two children in our community:
   a. $7.25  b. $15.00  c. $19.24  d. $22.50
   SOURCE: Living Wage Calculation for Fargo, ND, MIT Living Wage Calculator

3. The annual salary of someone working full-time at minimum wage in North Dakota:
   a. $15,080  b. $17,120  c. $21,960  d. $26,500

4. Currently, the elderly poverty rate in our community is higher than the child poverty rate.
   True   False
   SOURCE: US Census Database, 5 year estimates for Cass and Clay counties

5. Current overall poverty rate for Cass and Clay Counties (5 year estimates):
   a. 9.9%  b. 11.1%  c. 13.5%  d. 18.1%
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Please answer the following questions:

a. Define Poverty:
   Dictionary definition: The state of one who lacks a usual or socially acceptable amount of money or material possessions.

b. Why do you think people are in poverty?
   Open ended

c. What are the biggest barriers in our community for people experiencing poverty?
   Open ended