Self Inventory Chapter 6

Self-inventory Directions: For each statement, indicate the response that most closely identifies your beliefs and attitudes. Use the following code:
5 = I strongly agree with this statement.
4 = I agree with this statement.
3 = I am undecided about this statement.
2 = I disagree with this statement.
1 = I strongly disagree with this statement.

__1__1. I am not clear about how much to tell my clients about confidentiality.

__2__2. There are no situations in which I would disclose what a client had told me without the client's permission.

__5__3. Absolute confidentiality is necessary if effective psychotherapy is to occur.

__5__4. If I were working with a client whom I had assessed as potentially dangerous to another person, it would be my duty to protect the potential victim(s).

__5__5. Once I make an assessment that a client is suicidal, it is my ethical and legal obligation to take appropriate action.

__1__6. Counselors should consider evoking guilt to discourage clients from suicidal action.

__2__7. If a client who is suicidal does not want my help or actively rejects it, I would be inclined to leave the person alone.

__4__8. I would find the evaluation and management of suicidal risk stressful.

__5__9. As a helping professional, it is my responsibility to report suspected child abuse, regardless of when it occurred.

__5__10. The reporting laws pertaining to child abuse, elder abuse, and dependent adult abuse sometimes prevent therapy from taking place with the abuser.

__1__11. I think reporting elder abuse and dependent adult abuse should be left to the judgment of the therapist.

__5__12. The abuse of older people and other vulnerable adults deserves the same kind of attention that is paid to abuse of children.

__3__13. If my client refuses to disclose his or her HIV status, I have a legal duty to warn and protect all of the identifiable sexual partners.

__2__14. In counseling HIV-positive clients, I would be inclined to maintain confidentiality because failing to do so could erode the trust of my clients.

__3__15. If an HIV-positive client refused to disclose his or her HIV status to a partner, I would explore with my client the reasons for not doing so.

__3__16. I am concerned that I won’t know what actions to take in situations involving the duty to protect.

__4__17. Using cell phones jeopardizes confidentiality.

__4__18. Communication via electronic mail is fraught with privacy problems.

__1__19. If it became necessary to break a client’s confidentiality, I would inform my client of my intended action.

__5__20. I believe that it is easy to invade a client’s privacy unintentionally.