

Exploring Anthropology for Kids

Anthropology · Answer Key · 18 Questions

1. Which subfield of anthropology primarily focuses on the study of human cultures and societies?

- A) Archaeology
- B) Cultural Anthropology**
- C) Biological Anthropology
- D) Linguistics

2. What do archaeologists use to protect and carefully remove artifacts from the ground?

- A) Heavy machinery
- B) Dynamite
- C) Trowels and brushes**
- D) Magnifying glasses

3. Which famous human ancestor fossil, discovered in Ethiopia in 1974, is nicknamed 'Lucy'?

- A) Australopithecus afarensis**
- B) Homo habilis
- C) Homo erectus
- D) Neanderthal

4. What is the term for the specific way of life of a group of people, including their language, beliefs, and traditions?

- A) Biology
- B) Evolution
- C) Culture**
- D) Genetics

5. Linguistics is a branch of anthropology that specifically studies what?

- A) Ancient stone tools
- B) Human language**
- C) Animal migration
- D) Star constellations

6. Which term describes the study of human bones to understand the health and lifestyle of people from the past?

A) Osteology

B) Geology

C) Botany

D) Astronomy

7. What is the main goal of primatology within biological anthropology?

A) To train monkeys for circuses

B) To study the behavior and biology of non-human primates

C) To map the ocean floor

D) To predict future weather patterns

8. What are 'stratigraphy' layers in an archaeological site used for?

A) To identify modern trash

B) To determine the age of objects based on depth

C) To locate underground water

D) To classify types of soil

9. Which continent is widely considered the 'cradle of humanity' because of the many early human fossils found there?

A) Australia

B) Europe

C) Africa

D) South America

10. What do anthropologists call a physical object that was made or used by humans in the past?

A) Fossil

B) Artifact

C) Ecofact

D) Diorama

11. What is the primary method cultural anthropologists use to study a group of people by living among them?

A) Remote sensing

B) Participant observation

C) Laboratory experiments

D) Internet surveys

12. Which species of early human is often associated with the first widespread use of controlled fire?

- A) Homo erectus**
- B) Homo sapiens
- C) Australopithecus
- D) Ardipithecus

13. What are 'oral traditions' in the study of anthropology?

- A) Written textbooks
- B) Stories passed down through generations by speaking**
- C) Ancient musical instruments
- D) The study of human teeth

14. Which material was most commonly used to make tools during the 'Stone Age'?

- A) Plastic
- B) Copper
- C) Flint**
- D) Aluminum

15. Anthropology is a holistic field, which means it attempts to study what?

- A) Only the wealthiest societies
- B) The entire human experience in a broad way**
- C) Only human diseases
- D) Only prehistoric times

16. What is the 'fossil record' in anthropology?

- A) A list of all living people
- B) The total collection of discovered fossils**
- C) A book of modern recipes
- D) A map of mountain ranges

17. What is 'bipedalism', a key trait that separates early humans from many other primates?

- A) Living in trees
- B) Eating only meat
- C) Walking on two legs**
- D) Communicating with signs

18. What do 'coprolites' provide to anthropologists?

A) Information about ancient diets from fossilized waste

B) Evidence of ancient clothing

C) Clues about ancient building techniques

D) Data about weather patterns