

Exploring Anthropology for Kids

Anthropology · Practice Test · 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