

Foundations of Anthropological History

Anthropology · Practice Test · 10 Questions

1. In what year did Louis and Mary Leakey discover the skull of *Zinjanthropus boisei* (now *Paranthropus boisei*) at Olduvai Gorge?

- A) 1952
- B) 1959
- C) 1964
- D) 1970

2. The fossil specimen famously known as 'Lucy', classified as *Australopithecus afarensis*, was discovered in Ethiopia in which year?

- A) 1974
- B) 1978
- C) 1981
- D) 1969

3. Franz Boas, often cited as the father of American anthropology, published his influential work 'The Mind of Primitive Man' in what year?

- A) 1898
- B) 1905
- C) 1911
- D) 1922

4. How many primary subfields of anthropology are traditionally recognized in the North American academic model?

- A) Two
- B) Four
- C) Six
- D) Eight

5. Raymond Dart discovered the first *Australopithecus africanus* specimen, known as the Taung Child, in which year?

- A) 1912
- B) 1920
- C) 1924
- D) 1930

6. The 'Piltdown Man' hoax, which misled the scientific community for decades, was officially exposed as a fraud in what year?

- A) 1948
- B) 1953
- C) 1958
- D) 1961

7. Approximately how many years ago is the Upper Paleolithic Revolution, characterized by a significant increase in symbolic behavior and tool complexity, generally thought to have begun?

- A) 10,000
- B) 50,000
- C) 100,000
- D) 250,000

8. Bronislaw Malinowski conducted his seminal fieldwork in the Trobriand Islands during which period?

- A) 1914-1918
- B) 1920-1924
- C) 1930-1934
- D) 1905-1909

9. The 'Great Chain of Being' concept, which influenced early anthropological thought regarding human hierarchy, dates back to the philosophy of which ancient thinker?

- A) Plato
- B) Socrates
- C) Aristotle
- D) Epicurus

10. Homo habilis was first described and named as a new species by Louis Leakey, Phillip Tobias, and John Napier in what year?

- A) 1955
- B) 1960
- C) 1964
- D) 1968