

Foundations of Anthropology

Anthropology · Practice Test · 10 Questions

1. Which genus of hominins is widely considered the earliest known ancestor to definitively demonstrate obligate bipedalism?

- A) Australopithecus
- B) Homo habilis
- C) Paranthropus
- D) Ardipithecus

2. In linguistic anthropology, what term describes the study of how sound systems are organized within a specific language?

- A) Syntax
- B) Phonology
- C) Morphology
- D) Semantics

3. The 'Out of Africa' theory suggests that anatomically modern humans migrated from Africa approximately how many years ago?

- A) 50,000 to 100,000 years ago
- B) 200,000 to 300,000 years ago
- C) 500,000 to 700,000 years ago
- D) 1 million to 1.2 million years ago

4. Which archaeological technique uses the decay of carbon-14 isotopes to date organic materials?

- A) Potassium-argon dating
- B) Dendrochronology
- C) Radiocarbon dating
- D) Thermoluminescence

5. What is the term for the biological process through which human populations adapt to high-altitude environments?

- A) Acclimatization
- B) Genetic drift
- C) Convergent evolution
- D) Founder effect

6. The 'Great Chain of Being' was largely superseded in anthropology by the principle of cultural relativism, famously championed by which scholar?

- A) Charles Darwin
- B) Franz Boas
- C) Margaret Mead
- D) Bronislaw Malinowski

7. Which stone tool industry is characterized by large, bifacial hand axes and is associated primarily with Homo erectus?

- A) Oldowan
- B) Mousterian
- C) Acheulean
- D) Clovis

8. In kinship studies, what does the term 'patrilocality' describe?

- A) Tracing descent through the female line
- B) A practice where a couple resides near the husband's kin
- C) Inheritance of property through the eldest daughter
- D) The prohibition of marriage within a specific clan

9. Which primate species shares approximately 98.7% of its DNA with humans?

- A) Gorilla beringei
- B) Pan troglodytes
- C) Pongo pygmaeus
- D) Macaca mulatta

10. What is the name of the theory that posits that cultural traits are transmitted through imitation and learning rather than genetic inheritance?

- A) Dual inheritance theory
- B) Cultural ecology
- C) Structural functionalism
- D) Symbolic interactionism