

Anthropology Adventures

Anthropology · Answer Key · 18 Questions

1. Which process involves the study of how human cultures and societies develop and function?

- A) Ethnology**
- B) Geology
- C) Meteorology
- D) Astronomy

2. What is the term for the specific physical remains of an organism, such as a bone, preserved in rock?

- A) Sediment
- B) Fossil**
- C) Crystal
- D) Mineral

3. Which field of anthropology focuses specifically on the study of human biological evolution?

- A) Linguistic anthropology
- B) Physical anthropology**
- C) Cultural anthropology
- D) Economic anthropology

4. What is the name of the 'Olduvai Gorge' in Tanzania, famous for its contributions to the study of early human ancestors?

- A) The Cradle of Mankind**
- B) The Valley of Kings
- C) The Great Rift Basin
- D) The Lost City

5. Which ancient hominin species is famous for the specimen discovered in 1974 known as 'Lucy'?

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

6. What is the practice of digging up physical sites to discover information about past human life called?

A) Excavation

B) Mining

C) Quarrying

D) Drilling

7. Which type of anthropology studies how language influences social life and communication?

A) Cognitive anthropology

B) Linguistic anthropology

C) Applied anthropology

D) Biological anthropology

8. What do anthropologists call the collective customs, arts, social institutions, and achievements of a particular nation or people?

A) Genetics

B) Environment

C) Culture

D) Economy

9. Which hominin species is believed to be the first to intentionally use fire for cooking and protection?

A) Homo sapiens

B) Homo erectus

C) Homo habilis

D) Australopithecus

10. What technique is commonly used by archaeologists to determine the age of organic materials based on the decay of a specific isotope?

A) Radiocarbon dating

B) Magnetic resonance

C) Spectroscopy

D) Thermal imaging

11. Which ancient group of people created the complex 'cuneiform' writing system in Mesopotamia?

A) The Sumerians

B) The Egyptians

C) The Romans

D) The Greeks

12. What is a 'stratigraphic layer' in archaeology?

- A) A type of stone tool
- B) A layer of soil or rock containing artifacts**
- C) A method of measuring distance
- D) A language family

13. What do anthropologists call a portable object that has been made or modified by human hands?

- A) Feature
- B) Ecofact
- C) Artifact**
- D) Fossil

14. Which continent is widely considered the cradle of humankind where the earliest human ancestors originated?

- A) Asia
- B) Europe
- C) Africa**
- D) Australia

15. What is 'ethnography' in the context of anthropological research?

- A) The study of fossils
- B) The scientific description of a specific culture**
- C) The mapping of stars
- D) The analysis of chemical elements

16. Which human species is considered the closest extinct relative to modern Homo sapiens, often living in Europe and Western Asia?

- A) Homo floresiensis
- B) Neanderthals**
- C) Homo habilis
- D) Homo erectus

17. What does the term 'bipedalism' refer to in the study of human evolution?

- A) Living in trees
- B) Using tools
- C) Walking on two feet**
- D) Communicating through sounds

18. What is the study of human societies and their development through the examination of their physical objects called?

A) Archaeology

B) Botany

C) Astrophysics

D) Zoology