Foundations of Anthropology

Anthropology · Practice Test · 15 Questions

1. Which subfield of anthropology focuses primarily on the study of human biological evolution and variation?

A) Cultural anthropology
B) Biological anthropology
C) Linguistic anthropology
D) Archaeology

2. What term is used to describe the process by which an individual learns the values and norms of their culture?

A) Enculturation
B) Assimilation
C) Ethnocentrism
D) Cultural diffusion

3. The 'Out of Africa' theory suggests that modern Homo sapiens first evolved on which continent?

A) Asia
B) Europe
C) Africa
D) South America

4. Who is often referred to as the 'father of modern anthropology' for his work in establishing the concept of cultural relativism?

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

5. What is the primary method used by cultural anthropologists to study a society through long-term, firsthand observation?

A) Laboratory experiment
B) Ethnographic fieldwork
C) Secondary data analysis
D) Survey sampling

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6. Which term describes the practice of judging another culture solely by the values and standards of one's own culture?

A) Cultural relativism
B) Ethnocentrism
C) Acculturation
D) Ethnography

7. In archaeology, what is the term for the discarded material remains of human activity, such as broken pottery or stone tools?

A) Artifacts
B) Features
C) Ecofacts
D) Fossils

8. Which of the following is a primary characteristic of a 'kinship' system in anthropology?

A) The study of political borders
B) Social relationships based on descent and marriage
C) The analysis of language structure
D) The geological dating of sites

9. What type of linguistic study focuses on how language changes over time?

A) Synchronic linguistics
B) Diachronic linguistics
C) Sociolinguistics
D) Phonology

10. The 'Neolithic Revolution' is primarily characterized by the transition to which way of life?

A) Nomadic hunting and gathering
B) Industrial manufacturing
C) Agriculture and animal domestication
D) Maritime trade networks

11. Which primate species is most closely related to humans in terms of DNA sequence?

A) Gorillas
B) Chimpanzees
C) Orangutans
D) Gibbons

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12. What is 'participant observation'?

A) A method where the researcher joins in the daily life of the group being studied
B) Watching people from a hidden location
C) Interviewing people over the telephone
D) Analyzing historical documents in an archive

13. Which concept suggests that all cultures are equally valid and must be understood within their own context?

A) Cultural evolutionism
B) Cultural relativism
C) Diffusionism
D) Social stratification

14. Which fossil hominin, nicknamed 'Lucy', belongs to the species Australopithecus afarensis?

A) Homo habilis
B) Homo erectus
C) Australopithecus afarensis
D) Ardipithecus ramidus

15. What is the study of the physical remains of humans from past populations called?

A) Paleopathology
B) Bioarchaeology
C) Forensic archaeology
D) Anthropometry

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