

1. **Shamans differ from priests and priestesses (in the anthropological sense, including ministers, Rabbis, etc.) in that shamans are:**
  - A. Trained, full time specialists
  - B. Always males
  - C. Able to contact and utilize a hidden reality by going into trances, etc., to learn, to heal, etc.
  - D. The leaders of all religious events in chiefdoms and states.
2. **Say a baseball player does the same thing before every game because the first time he did it he then had a very good game; this superstition is an example of:**
  - A. A rite of passage
  - B. A rite of intensification
  - C. Witchcraft
  - D. Contagious magic
  - E. Imitative or sympathetic magic
3. **How do the Yanomamo shamans contact the spirit world?**
  - A. They snort drugs
  - B. They stay up all night and sing until they are groggy
  - C. They cut themselves to bleed to show purity
  - D. By eating too much and puking
4. **Which practice enables people to explain why things go wrong by blaming certain individuals who, because of their supernatural powers, accidentally or deliberately cause harm?**
  - A. religion
  - B. witchcraft
  - C. Potlatch
  - D. big men
  - E. Stratification
5. **Which is FALSE?**
  - A. Beliefs in witches can be a social control: people act nice so others do not accuse them of witchcraft
  - B. Beliefs in witches can be a social control: people act nice to others in case they are witches
  - C. Legends are stories told over and over that are based on real events
  - D. The Yanomamo are headhunters: they hunt humans and eat their flesh to gain their spiritual power
  - E. imitative magic could be painting an animal on a cave wall and then throwing spears at it for hunting luck
6. **Which is the TRUE statement about the PLACEBO effect and healing?**
  - A. People who are cured by placebos were not really sick.
  - B. All doctors have about the same ability to cure with placebos, despite differences in their training, skills, and bedside manners.
  - C. Surgeries such as a coronary artery bypass are successful only if blood circulation is improved, and have no placebo effect.
  - D. Placebos cannot help cure genuine illnesses.
  - E. the Placebo effect actually helps people recover, as it enhances their immune response
7. **If people believe that an imbedded object has caused an illness, then they are likely to prescribe:**
  - A. a sucking cure
  - B. an exorcism
  - C. a balance of humors
  - D. antibiotics
  - E. a ceremony to honor ancestors.
8. **In the comparative study of religions, "myths" are:**
  - A. false statements
  - B. attempts to cure the sick without modern medicine
  - C. folk songs
  - D. stories about the past actions of supernatural powers
  - E. any non-Christian beliefs
9. **CASTES in India are:**
  - a. different regions, like the States in the USA
  - b. voluntary special interest groups
  - c. social classes with social mobility, like in the USA
  - d. endogamous social strata
  - e. sequential levels similar to African age grades
10. **Which is NOT a common function of myths, legends, and folktales?**
  - a. enculturation
  - b. re-enforcing shared cultural values
  - c. encouraging acculturation
  - d. preserving traditional knowledge
  - e. warning of possible sanctions

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**BONUS QUESTION: What is an ETIC (materialistic) explanation of why beef is not eaten in India?**

