

ANTH A105/A303 QUIZ #1 Dr Bob Mucci SPRING 2005; PRINT YOUR NAME AT THE BOTTOM ONLY

Circle the LETTER of the one best answer:

1. Which one is NOT a good description of the discipline of Anthropology?

- A. Holistic
- B. Studies all humans, past and present
- C. Studies Primitive Man, not modern people in Europe and America
- D. Seeks a broad, overall perspective on humankind
- E. Emphasizes the study of both human biology and human culture
- F. Studies the nature and origin of human diversity.

2. All Mammals, and only mammals:

- A. Have backbones
- B. Generate their own body heat, that is they have warm blood
- C. Have live babies, not eggs
- D. Nurse their young
- E. Are good to eat.

3. Linnaeus is famous for:

- A. Classifying animals according to their visible external characteristics, such as color of fur
- B. Giving all plants and animals a two-part Swedish name
- C. Classifying animals according important anatomical characters such as type of skeleton and teeth
- D. Putting several different genera into each species.
- E. Denying that humans are animals.

4. The meaning of the term “theory” in American slang is “a guess”; what is the formal definition of “theory” as used by scientists?

- A. Same thing, a wild guess that is probably wrong
- B. An untested hypothesis
- C. Any story, usually invoking the supernatural, that explains some aspect of the world.
- D. A set of interrelated hypotheses that have been tested against evidence and are well supported

5. The study and identification of bones from a crime scene or disaster is called:

- A. Medical anthropology
- B. Forensic anthropology
- C. Archaeology
- D. Linguistics

5a. Anthropologists who study the cultural traditions of humans of the past by studying their artifacts are called:

- A. Physical anthropologists
- B. Cultural anthropologists
- C. Archaeologists
- D. Linguistic Anthropologists
- E. Primatologists

6. Anthropologists who study monkeys and apes are called:

- A. Paleoanthropologists
- B. Cultural anthropologists
- C. Archaeologists
- D. Linguistic Anthropologists
- E. Primatologists

6a. Anthropologists who study ancient human fossils and human evolution are called:

- A. Paleoanthropologists
- B. Cultural anthropologists
- C. Archaeologists
- D. Linguistic Anthropologists
- E. Primatologists

7. Which is FALSE about the concept of CULTURE?

- A. It is behavior that is passed on from generation to generation through the genetic code.
- B. It can be thought of as the knowledge, beliefs, and values that members of a society share
- C. It can be thought of as patterns of behavior that are seen generation after generation.
- D. It is a way that humans adapt to their natural environment; culture changes as circumstances change.
- E. It is things that people invent or develop, and pass on to future generations, such as social systems.

8. Which is true about the name *Ursus arctos*?

- A. It is the Linnaean name of a species
- B. *Ursus* is the name of a genus and is always capitalized
- C. The second term in a species name, here ‘arctos’, is never capitalized
- D. *Ursus arctos* is the species name for the brown bear (also called grizzly bear)
- E. All of these are true

9. Primates can be distinguished from the other orders of mammals in that all primates, and only primates, have:

- A. Fur
- B. Four limbs
- C. Mammary glands
- D. Live births
- E. Grasping hands with (mostly) fingernails
- F. A spine

10. A group of organisms that can produce fertile offspring among themselves but not with members of any other group is called a:

- A. family
- B. species
- C. genus
- D. mule
- E. bear

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Small child: “What are fingernails for?”

Another small child: “To hold our fingers on.”

Bonus question: In the reading “Profile of an Anthropologist: No Bone Unturned”, describe what Dr Snow could discover in his work, and how he did so.