

ANTH A105/A303 QUIZ #1 Dr Bob Mucci Summer 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 study of all humans, past and present
- B. Study of Ancient Man, not of people in the world today
- C. Study of both human biology and human culture
- F. Study of 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. Primates are distinguishable from other mammals in that only primates (and all primates) have

- A. Fur
- B. The ability to nurse their young
- C. Grasping hands with fingernails and opposable thumbs
- D. Grasping tails that they can swing from.
- E. The ability to walk bipedally all the time.

4. 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 to important anatomical characters such as skeleton and teeth
- D. Putting several different genera into each species.
- E. His theory of evolution.

5. The meaning of the term “myth” in American slang is “false”; what is the formal definition of “myth” as used by social scientists?

- A. Same thing, an idea that is probably wrong
- B. An untested hypothesis
- C. Any story, usually invoking the supernatural, that explains some aspect of the world, such as its creation.
- D. A set of interrelated hypotheses that have been tested against evidence and are well supported
- E. The spirit or soul of an individual.

6a. The study and identification of bones from a crime scene or disaster is called:

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

6b. 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. Paleoanthropologists
- E. Primatologists

7. Before Linnaeus, most people ordered the species of nature into a ranking called:

- A. The double helix
- B. The *Systema Naturae*
- C. Yanomamo
- D. Popol Vuh
- E. the Great Chain of Being

8. 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.

9. 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

10. Which is NOT a general characteristic of most primates?

- A. Good vision
- B. Live in social groups
- C. Bigger brains than other animals
- D. Juveniles take a long time to mature
- E. Arboreal with flexible bodies.

Bonus question: Give one example from the textbook of how a creation story reflects a society’s worldview.