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Chapter 2: The Role of Culture

Multiple Choice Questions

1) Which of the following is a characteristic of culture?

A) It is individualized.
B) It is innate.
C) It is transmitted from one generation to the next.
D) It is declining.

Answer: C
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Topic: The Concept of Culture
Difficulty Level: Easy
Skill Level: Remember the Facts

2) The primary transmitter of culture is_____.

A) parents
B) everyday experience
C) language
D) facial expressions

Answer: C
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3) According to interactionists, social interaction among people of different cultures may be difficult because_____.

A) they may not share the same definitions of symbols
B) people have a natural reluctance to relate to strangers
C) strangers are intimidated by the natives of the host country
D) one group tries to dominate the other

Answer: A

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4) The Thomas theorem states that_____.

A) you've got to be taught to hate and fear
B) if people define a situation as real, it becomes real in its consequences
C) the world of reality is taken for granted
D) each generation passes its cultural values on to the next generation

Answer: B
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5) Which of the following is an example of material culture?

A) money
B) the exchange of ideas
C) religion
D) acculturation

Answer: A
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6) The fact that cultures owe a substantial debt to other cultures because of the spread of ideas, inventions, and practices is called

A) cultural transmission.
B) convergence.
C) cross-cultural integration.
D) cultural diffusion.

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Answer: D
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7) Students who sit quietly in class and take careful notes are fulfilling unwritten societal rules of behavior, which are called_____.

A) mores
B) values
C) norms
D) material culture

Answer: C
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8) Settling in an area already containing family, friends, or compatriots is known as_____.

A) chain migration
B) joined resettlement
C) parallel social institutions
D) emigration

Answer: A
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Topic: Cultural Change
Difficulty Level: Easy
Skill Level: Understand the Concepts

9) Sociologists call a minority group's establishment of its own clubs, organizations, stores, churches, newspapers, and schools

A) convergent subcultures.
B) parallel social institutions.
C) structural pluralism.

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D) subcultural networking.

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10). Many of Ahmed's family have moved from Yemen to the U.S., adapting and adopting to much of American culture while retaining a number of beliefs and customs from home. Ahmed's aunt, who still lives in Yemen worries that this Americanized family is no longer Yemeni. Ahmed's teenage daughter feels like her family is not American. Sociologically speaking, Ahmed's family is experiencing _____.

A) ethnogenesis
B) culture shock
C) pluralism
D) chain migration

Answer: A
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Difficulty Level: Moderate
Skill Level: Apply What You Know

11) Living under the norms of both a dominant culture and a subculture may result in stress and _____.

A) marginality
B) assimilation
C) amalgamation
D) acculturation

Answer: A
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12) When Rona arrived in Milan she had a hard time adjusting to the fact that people drank wine during working lunches. This is an example of_____.

A) cultural transmission
B) culture irrelevance
C) culture diffusion
D) culture shock

Answer: D
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Difficulty Level: Moderate
Skill Level: Apply What You Know

13) The most noticeable form of pluralism in most societies is _____.

A) structural pluralism
B) cultural pluralism
C) convergence
D) amalgamation

Answer: B
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14) The equation A+B+C=A illustrates which concept?

A) amalgamation
B) assimilation
C) desegregation
D) pluralism

Answer: B
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Difficulty Level: Easy
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15) The equation A+B+C=D illustrates which concept?

A) amalgamation
B) assimilation
C) immigration
D) pluralism

Answer: A
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True/False Questions

16) Nonmaterial culture contains more physical objects than material culture.

Answer: FALSE
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17) Most minority groups eventually adapt their distinctive cultural traits to those of the host society.

Answer: TRUE
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18) Secondary structural assimilation involves close personal interactions among dominant and minority groups in intimate settings like parties and clubs.

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Answer: FALSE
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19) Linguistic relativity refers to the fact that every race has its own language.

Answer: FALSE
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20) Paralinguistic signals include sounds but not words.

Answer: TRUE
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21) Ralph Linton calculated that any given culture contains about 90 percent borrowed elements.

Answer: TRUE
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Essay Questions

22) Explain and illustrate the differences between material and nonmaterial culture. Which would change faster? Why?
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Skill Level: Understand the Concepts

23) Explain how our knowledge of language and cultural symbols shapes our perception of reality. Provide examples to support your answer.
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24) Explain and illustrate the differences between cultural diffusion and cultural transmission.
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25) Compare and contrast the theories of assimilation, amalgamation, and pluralism.
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Skill Level: Apply What You Know

26). Define white culture and provide evidence of its existence.
Learning Objective: LO 2.4 Understand the existence of a white culture.
Topic: Is There a White Culture?
Difficulty Level: Difficult
Skill Level: Apply What You Know

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