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Question 1 of 15

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Select the option that **CORRECTLY** completes the statement:

The appointment of functionaries who enforce the rules and laws of a community by means of sanctions and penalties to ensure that people live together in an orderly manner gives rise to a community's ...

- A. political system.
- B. military system.
- C. religious system.
- D. judicial system.

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1.0 Points

Which one of the following statements regarding sociocultural systems is **INCORRECT**?

Sociocultural systems ...

- A. may be used as a means to distinguish people from others and recognise people as belonging to the same self-identified group.
- B. comprise actual human behaviour like speech and food production, and not the underlying ideas resulting in such behaviour.
- C. comprise sets of relationships in a particular sociocultural and natural context that are typical of a significant number of interacting humans in the context.
- D. are manifestations of humans' creative responses to the challenge of adapting to the environment and to other humans.

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1.0 Points

Which statement regarding the present-day use of the field of 'cultural heritage' is **INCORRECT**?

Today, cultural heritage is concerned with the ...

- A. exhibition of the exotic cultures of so-called primitive people.
- B. identification of sacred spaces – how 'space' is turned into 'place'.
- C. ways in which people's heritage is exposed through landscapes and architecture.
- D. support of communities' claims for land or resources.

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1.0 Points

Indicate the option that **CORRECTLY** completes the following statement:

The British anthropologist Sir Edward Tylor, who formulated one of the first definitions of the concept of culture from an anthropological perspective, defined it as...

- A. the ideas, thought patterns, values, attitudes and perceptions of members of society that direct and influence their behaviour.
- B. the works and practices of intellectual and especially artistic activity.
- C. that complex whole which includes all human capabilities and habits acquired by a person as a member of society.
- D. sets of relationships and behaviour patterns which are established by interacting individuals in a particular sociocultural context.

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1.0 Points

Which one of the following statements regarding the characteristics of culture is CORRECT?

- A. For a thought, action or belief to be regarded as cultural, it must be shared by all the members in a group.
- B. Because culture is shared by members of a community, its content is exactly the same for each individual of the community.
- C. Although some facets of culture are biologically inherited, people mostly learn their culture by growing up in and with it.
- D. The most important symbolic feature of culture is language which enables humans to transmit information.

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1.0 Points

Select the CORRECT definition for the following concept:

Enculturation ...

- A. refers to the acquisition of knowledge through informal learning activities only.
- B. means that human behaviour is both inherited or instinctive and learned.
- C. refers to the process by means of which culture is transmitted or carried over from one generation to the next.
- D. refers to the human ability and capacity to imitate and learn from the environment.

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1.0 Points

Which of the following is/are used to distinguish an ethnic group?

- A. The national anthem of the country in which a group resides
- B. A group's own sense of identity
- C. A common language
- D. A common geographical area under the control of the particular group

Question 8 of 15

1.0 Points

Which one of the following statements regarding the construction of individual and/or group identities is INCORRECT?

- A. People express their nationality, ethnicity, gender and many other social identities through their choice of clothing, and decoration.
- B. Identity politics refers to the organisation and mobilisation of groups based on shared characteristics, to pursue economic, equality, political and cultural goals for people who share that identity.
- C. Gender identities are influenced by sexually separated activities and gendered expectations of masculine and feminine behaviours in sport.
- D. The construction of gender identity universally is based on genital anatomy.

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1.0 Points

Select the option that CORRECTLY completes the following statement:

Humans are set apart from animals on the basis that they, in contrast to animals, ...

- A. have the ability to communicate symbolically.
- B. use tools to adapt to their environment.
- C. must be taught how to behave.
- D. share their behaviour with members of their group.

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Question 10 of 15

1.0 Points

Which of the following statements regarding human agency is/are CORRECT?

- A. Human agency, by way of individual action or initiative always plays a role in societal changes.
- B. Revitalisation movements do not constitute an example of human agency in action.
- C. An example of human agency is an influential leader who mobilises a community to change their circumstances by action.
- D. Individuals perceive, interpret and manipulate the rules of the system to meet their own interests.

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1.0 Points

Select the option that CORRECTLY completes the following statement on perspectives about the nature and basis of ethnicity:

Instrumentalists argue that ethnic identity is ...

- A. identity that is collectively and explicitly claimed by a group of people who share sociocultural features, such as customs and beliefs.
- B. symbolic and can change. It is superficially created as an instrument used and exploited by leaders and others to nurse their own interests.

- C. fluid and subjective identity that people construct through various means including conquest, colonisation or immigration.
- D. primitive collective identity which is determined at birth and rooted in ancestry, history or biological traits.

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1.0 Points

Which one of the following best explains the anthropological concept of culture?

- A. A society's system of thought, behaviour, values and material creations that come into being through close interaction with the natural environment
- B. Political, economic and religious processes related to the rich variety of forms of society across the world
- C. Phenomena such as opera, sculpture, writing and other creative achievements associated with civilisations
- D. The transmission of the accumulated knowledge, rules of behaviour and values of a society from one generation to the next

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1.0 Points

Select the option that **CORRECTLY** completes the following statement:

All of the following are true with regard to anthropological perspectives on social and group identity, **EXCEPT** that ...

- A. anthropologists have been criticised for emphasising social identity at the expense of individual identity.
- B. 'imagined communities' refer specifically to scientific or professional communities.
- C. Facebook is used to explore group identities without the constraints of 'real life' boundaries.
- D. groups express their identity through performance, art and material culture.

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1.0 Points

Which of the statements regarding anthropology and gender is/are **CORRECT**?

- A. Anthropology focuses on how sex and gender are expressed in different sociocultural contexts.
- B. Individuals' gender construction is viewed as occurring separately from the influence of the group's perceptions of gender.
- C. Gender identity is acquired through socialisation and enculturation, but is also shaped by a person's lived experiences.
- D. Gender differences are located in the physical body, therefore anthropology does not distinguish between sexed bodies and socially constructed genders.

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1.0 Points

Select the option that **CORRECTLY** completes the following statement:

Objections to the use of the concept 'culture' include that it ...

- A. fails to recognise similarities between humans and human groups.
- B. may be misused for political purposes and nationalism.
- C. is a very narrow concept with limited applicability to real-world contexts.
- D. delineates differences between groups but not within groups.

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Practice for exam ASSIGNMENT 2

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Question 1 of 15

1.0 Points

Select the option that **CORRECTLY** completes the following statement:

Anthropological information that has been collected by means of the ethnographic method will be regarded as a more **meaningful** and **accurate** representation of peoples' sociocultural systems when an anthropologist has...

- A. interviewed a number of research participants and has participated in relevant cultural activities.
- B. made systematic and relevant cross-cultural comparisons of the information.
- C. applied the emic and etic research approaches during his/her fieldwork.
- D. representative statistical surveys that verify the information.

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1.0 Points

From the options below, select the concept that **CORRECTLY** completes the following statement:

The anthropological principle of ... allows anthropologists to be perceptive of the specific way in which societies develop their sociocultural systems according to their needs and local situations.

- A. ethnocentrism
- B. cross-cultural comparison
- C. cultural relativism
- D. holism

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1.0 Points

From the options below, select the term that **CORRECTLY** completes the following statement:

The term ... refers to both the process and the product of fieldwork.

- A. ethnography
- B. ethnocentrism
- C. enculturation
- D. etic description

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Question 4 of 15

1.0 Points

Select the option that **CORRECTLY** completes the following statement:

Sociocultural anthropologists focus on the ...

- A. material remains of societies which are collected during excavation of sites where people once lived.
- B. influence of biological and hereditary characteristics on behaviour of members of a society.
- C. relation between language and the other aspects of the life of a society.
- D. lifestyles of the rich diversity of societies as they are found worldwide.

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Question 5 of 15

1.0 Points

From the options below, select the concept that **CORRECTLY** completes the following statement:

An anthropological concern with the relationship between power and the reconstruction of knowledge gave rise to the ... approach.

- A. holistic
- B. ...

- B. renexive
- C. ethnocentric
- D. cross-cultural comparative

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1.0 Points

Select the correct combination.

According to the applied anthropologist, John van Willigen, which of the following are fields of application and practical work by anthropologists?

1. Conflict resolution
2. Wildlife management
3. Design and architecture
4. Cultural tourism
5. Missionary work

- A. 2, 3 and 4
- B. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5
- C. 1 and 4
- D. 1, 2 and 5
- E. 1, 4 and 5

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1.0 Points

Which one of the following best illustrates how an application of the concept of cultural relativism influences the work of anthropologists?

An anthropologist ...

- A. demonstrates how a social group's culture has been influenced by other social groups with which it has been in contact
- B. compares the social structure and social behaviour of different social groups
- C. interprets the behaviour of people in terms of the sociocultural context in which the behaviour is found
- D. determines which one of two cultural groups has developed a more effective approach to combating crime

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Question 8 of 15

1.0 Points

Select the **INCORRECT** statement:

Linguistic anthropologists...

- A. study societies to gain an understanding of how cultural phenomena are expressed verbally.
- B. mainly focus attention on the evolution of languages in prehistorical societies.
- C. study the way in which language is used in different social contexts.
- D. initially studied the historical development of unwritten languages of non-western societies.

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Question 9 of 15

1.0 Points

Which one of the following statements regarding 'holism' is **INCORRECT**?

- A. The notion of holism, in contrast to the notion of contextualisation, emphasises dynamic relationships between phenomena.
- B. In terms of a holistic approach, knowledge from various spheres of activity should be applied to the understanding of any particular aspect on human behaviour.
- C. The holistic approach requires an anthropologist to take the whole context of a particular group of people into account when he/she studies the group.
- D. The term holism is contentious because it carries the implication that people's lives are interconnected in an almost ideal, balanced and perfectly functional way.

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Question 10 of 15

1.0 Points

Select the option that **CORRECTLY** completes the following statement:

Today anthropologists do fieldwork among ...

- A. All the options are correct.
- B. students in a school context.
- C. hunters and gatherers.
- D. people in a complex urban neighbourhood.
- E. people who are employed in an international corporation.

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Which anthropological subfield focuses on the material culture of past societies?

- A. Physical anthropology
- B. Sociocultural anthropology
- C. Archaeology
- D. Linguistics

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Question 12 of 15

Select the option that **CORRECTLY** completes the following statement:

Ethnographic fieldwork as research method in anthropology ...

- A. is used to gather information on the culture of societies by means of the interviewing of informants and participant observation.
- B. is primarily used to undertake statistical surveys and social network analysis.
- C. only aims to record people's own view of their culture.
- D. refers to a comparative study of culture.

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Question 13 of 15

Which of the following **best** describes **anthropology** as a **comprehensive discipline**?

- A. A study of the psychological and cognitive unity of humankind worldwide and throughout time
- B. A study of the human condition in its entirety worldwide and throughout time
- C. A study of human biological diversity worldwide and throughout time
- D. A study of human cultural diversity worldwide and throughout time

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Question 14 of 15

Select the option that **CORRECTLY** completes the following statement:

The research technique by means of which anthropologists trace social relations in a wider context than those based on kinship, is known as ...

- A. the life history method.
- B. social network analysis.
- C. the genealogical method
- D. in-depth interviewing.

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Question 15 of 15

Select the option that **CORRECTLY** completes the following statement:

An important difference between anthropology and other human sciences is that anthropology ...

- A. has an holistic or multifaceted approach to studying human beings.
- B. studies human societies of prehistoric as well as historic times.
- C. is mainly concerned with the study of nonindustrial societies.
- D. is specifically interested in the social relations, organisation and behaviour of human societies.

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Practice for exam Assignment 03

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Assignment 03 comprises 15 multiple-choice questions which are set on Learning themes 3 and 4 in the Only Study Guide for APY1501. PLEASE NOTE that in some questions more than one option may be correct.

Question 1 of 15

1.0 Points

Which of the following statements regarding **body language** are **CORRECT**?

- A. Societies world-wide have different norms with regard to the use of personal space.
- B. It has been established that people in all societies nod their heads while saying "yes".
- C. Full understanding of verbal messages is only possible with the aid of body language.
- D. In Portugal, England and the USA people stand close to each other, and even touch, when talking.

Question 2 of 15

1.0 Points

Which of the following characteristics was/were associated with *Homo habilis*?

- A. The use of Oldowan tools
- B. The use of tools with finely shaped projectile points
- C. Speech and language
- D. Big-game hunting in cold and warm climates

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Question 3 of 15

1.0 Points

Select the option that **CORRECTLY** completes the following statement:

The concept of race ...

- A. explains why some people are innately inferior to others.
- B. is a sociocultural and not a biological construct because human 'races' cannot be defined biologically.
- C. entails that a particular race has exclusive possession of particular variants of genes.
- D. is frequently used by anthropologists to explain high crime rates and substance abuse among particular social groups.

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Question 4 of 15

1.0 Points

Which one of the following statements about images and perceptions of the body is **CORRECT**?

- A. Tattooing is used universally to signify status and prestige.
- B. Human bodies are fashioned by sociocultural systems and contexts.
- C. Circumcision as ritual is universally performed to symbolically transform boys into men.
- D. The increasing objectification of male bodies is indicative of a shift in the sociocultural ideal of beauty from women to men.

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1.0 Points

Which of the following statements regarding castration are **CORRECT**?

Castration ...

- A. is an extreme measure to control male sexuality.
- B. intends to make men more docile and less aggressive.
- C. is a way of permanently marking the body.

...of many experiments, meaning the body.

- D. is still practised in some 28 African countries.

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1.0 Points

According to physical anthropologists, which of the following statements regarding 'human nature' is/are **CORRECT**?

- A. There are limitations on human behaviour and only specific variations are possible.
- B. Human nature is unchangeable and characteristic of a specific group of people.
- C. The capacity of speech is what distinguishes humans from animals.
- D. Despite the huge diversity found among humans, they are remarkably similar.

Question 7 of 15

1.0 Points

Select the option that **CORRECTLY** completes the following statement:

Kinesics ...

- A. includes gestures, facial expressions, calls, exclamations and manner of speech.
- B. is the "science" of body language.
- C. is universally the same irrespective of people's spoken language.
- D. is about what is said instead of how it is said.

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Question 8 of 15

1.0 Points

Many human population groups around the world that are physically different, also display different social behaviours. Which of the following statements explain(s) this phenomenon?

- A. People learn culture as they grow up. For instance, the children of the Karretjie People acquire knowledge peculiar to their lifestyle and environment within the family unit.
- B. Inequality plays a role. In South Africa, for instance, black people have historically had unequal access to certain facilities. The consequence of this is that they participate less frequently than white people in sports such as swimming despite the fact they are the numerical majority.
- C. Recent studies into the genes of people have determined that specific genes are responsible for certain behaviours.
- D. Different racial groups have different social behaviours.

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1.0 Points

Which of the following statements regarding communal and individual initiation of young people in Southern African communities are **CORRECT**?

- A. Circumcision is an integral part of male initiation, especially among the Zulu and the Swazi.
- B. Clitoridectomy is not usually part of female initiation, except probably among the Tsonga in Mozambique.
- C. Initiation forms an essential part of the transformation process by which young people are guided into adulthood.
- D. In most South African indigenous communities, the initiation process coincides with physical puberty.

Question 10 of 15

1.0 Points

Select the option that **CORRECTLY** completes the following definition:

The scientific study of people's perception and use of space is called ...

- A. non-verbal communication.
- B. body politic.
- C. proxemics.
- D. kinesics.

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1.0 Points

From the options below, select the terms that **CORRECTLY** complete the following statement:

Humans belong to the family ... and subfamily ...

- A. hominins ... homo.
- B. homo ... homo sapiens sapiens.
- C. anthropoidea ... hominoidea.
- D. hominids ... hominins.

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1.0 Points

Select the option that **CORRECTLY** completes the following statement:

The hominid line includes...

- A. tarsiers.
- B. lemurs.
- C. Homo habilis.
- D. australopithecines.
- E. Homo sapiens.

Question 13 of 15

1.0 Points

Which of the following statement(s) about **female genital mutilation** is/are **CORRECT**?

- A. The practice occurs particularly among African Muslims.
- B. In most societies, the practice is enforced by men in an attempt to control the perceived rampant sexual desires of women.
- C. Genital cutting is done to deny women sexual pleasure.
- D. Genital cutting is universally condemned as an infringement of universal human rights.

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1.0 Points

Select the **CORRECT** combination.

Which of the following statements regarding the **concept of race** is/are **CORRECT**?

1. The superficial or external features of humans in particular were initially used to classify them into races.
2. The classification of humans according to racial characteristics is unscientific and often based on stereotypes that stem from prejudice.
3. Scientists are more likely than lay people to classify humans into races on the grounds of their biological features.
4. Inborn behavioural predispositions such as alcoholism and drug abuse can be linked to specific races.

- A. 1, 2 and 3
- B. 2, 3 and 4
- C. 1
- D. 1 and 2
- E. 1, 2, 3 and 4

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1.0 Points

Which one of the following statements regarding **body language** is **INCORRECT**?

- A. Nonverbal signals are not universally the same and therefore one cannot make generalisations about body language applicable to all societies.
- B. In Spain people maintain a big personal space and stand far from each other when talking.
- C. It is said that at least 90% of emotional information is transmitted by body language and tone of voice.
- D. Nonverbal signals complement spoken messages and can contradict such messages.

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Anthropology as an independent discipline is distinguished from other disciplines which study human life by the fact that anthropology is concerned with the

- A. entire human condition
- B. study of human communities of prehistoric and historic times
- C. study of particular aspects of human existence
- D. classification of people in terms of their inferiority and superiority

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1.0 Points

Linguistic anthropologists

- A. mainly focus attention on the evolution of languages in prehistorical societies
- B. study societies to understand how cultural phenomena are expressed verbally
- C. mainly focus on the influence of genetic factors on the development of language
- D. study relations between members of a language group in terms of culture

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Question 3 of 10

1.0 Points

Archaeology as a subfield of anthropology studies

- A. the development of human beings from very early times
- B. past living conditions and changes that occurred in human populations during prehistoric times
- C. the physical adaptation of human populations to their environment
- D. fossil remains of prehistoric human-like beings which have been preserved in the earth's crust

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1.0 Points

An holistic approach to the study of culture means that anthropologists

- A. study all facets of human life including the environmental factors to which people must adapt for survival
- B. attempt to obtain an overall impression of the development of culture
- C. draw generalisations about the human condition
- D. study the cultural systems of societies within a global cultural pattern

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Question 5 of 10

1.0 Points

An important difference between anthropology and other human sciences is that anthropology

- A. is concerned with the totality of human existence
- B. studies human societies of prehistoric as well as historic times
- C. originated from an interest in non-western societies
- D. is specifically interested in the working of the human mind and the informal acquisition of knowledge

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1.0 Points

Sociocultural anthropologists study the

- A. relation between language and other aspects of people's lives
- B. material remains of societies collected during excavations of sites where people once lived
- C. influence of biological factors on behaviour in a human population
- D. relations between people in terms of culture
- E. physical adaption of humans to their natural environment

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1.0 Points

The anthropological fieldwork methodology is distinguished from the methodologies of other disciplines that study human beings by its

- A. method of gathering information mainly through quantitative techniques
- B. surveying method of the material remains of human settlements that provide important information on the living conditions of societies
- C. firsthand, direct and intensive contact with people in order to observe and describe their culture
- D. statistical analysis of the unique customs of nonliterate people found in remote corners of the world

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1.0 Points

As a subfield of anthropology, ... studies the physical adaptation of human populations to their environment.

- A. biological anthropology
- B. archaeology
- C. linguistic anthropology
- D. sociocultural anthropology

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1.0 Points

Initially what distinguished anthropology from sociology was that

- A. Sociology studied 'preliterate' people
- B. Anthropology uses questionnaires for the purpose of research
- C. Anthropology studied 'preliterate' people
- D. Sociology used qualitative research strategies to study people

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1.0 Points

Which of the following best describes anthropology as a comprehensive discipline?

- A. A study of the development of the human species from prehistoric times
- B. A study of human societies in prehistoric and historic times
- C. A study of human diversity worldwide and throughout time
- D. A study of human cultural diversity worldwide

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