

ANTHROPOLOGY 101

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Final Examination

This examination consists of fifty (50) true/false and multiple-guess questions. Each question is worth two (2) points for a total of one hundred (100) points. In those cases where more than one option seem correct. select the most correct response.

- 01.) In a "rank society" all of the following conditions obtain except for one characteristic. It is:
- a.) individuals are each ranked separately from each other but are not placed in an equivalent category with many other people, as in a class society
 - b.) differences do exist between people, but these are of such a nature as to be compatible with chiefdoms, not ~
 - c.) rank societies are prevalent in medium circumscribed areas such as islands, as Columbus discovered when he encountered the Taino Indians of Hispaniola about whom Fray Pane wrote
 - d.) these societies usually have methods of stratified redistribution, such as the potlatch of the Indians of the Northwest Coast
 - e.) in rank societies individuals are placed at different levels to each other, but in a rigid way so that there is little social mobility up or down, each rank tending to have a specific occupation and to be endogamous
- 02.) The Imbi utilize a form of "valuables" in their pig feasts that is similar to what you saw among the Dani. It is often, misleadingly, called "shell money" in the literature. This class of valuables is called:
- a.) *Kina*
 - b.) *Bolus*
 - c.) *Kuru*
 - d.) *Pekpek*
 - e.) *Pitpit*
- 03.) One of the problems Wormsley had to deal with in the field was the constant *grisim(ing)* that informants subjected him to. This concerned:
- a.) intimidation
 - b.) accusations of witchcraft
 - c.) gossip and rumormongering
 - d.) requests for him to act as a third party in litigations
 - e.) bribery
- 04.) After the bundles of burnt grass and the little bow-and-arrow sets were placed in the base of the Dani watchtower, Weyak passed a small feather wand over the hands of the man who had done that ritual act. This was a clear example of a:
- a.) rite of passage
 - b.) rite of communion
 - c.) rite of intensification d.) rite of purification e.) rite of divination

- 05.) "Primogeniture" is:
- often practiced by societies that have no recognizable descent system
 - only practiced by noble families where matters of succession to the crown are involved, otherwise it has no noteworthy applications
 - is a secret rite of passage applied to the first-born of a king on the island of Hispailola
 - is a principle of succession inherited by the eldest son or daughter, entitling the heir to a status e.) dependent upon residence patterns; "ultimogeniture" is based on descent
- 06.) Social circumscription creates:
- Permanent, long-lasting chiefdoms
 - Short-term increases in the power of village headmen
 - Temporary oscillations between egalitarian tribal society and a simple chiefdom
 - Lower classes that have no where to go and so become the base of an evolving "pyramid of power" e.) the rapid fissioning of villages as soon as the headman presents too many demands
- 07) Ancestor worship is associated with societies that have an ego-centered personal kindred.
- True
 - False
- 08.) Who is your **“Matrilateral parallel first cousin?”**
- Mother's Brother's Child
 - Mother's Sister's Child
 - Father's Brother's Child
 - Father's Sister's Child
 - None of the above since that individual would always be your "double cousin"
- 09.) In the film *The Cows of Dolo Kern Faye*, the fact that the old Paramount Chief Dolo Kern Paye only sacrificed one of his cows to feed his followers, who mostly subsist on big mounds of dry rice "gorp" dressed with a "glop" of pepper sauce, exemplifies:
- egalitarian redistribution
 - reciprocal exchange
 - stratified redistribution
 - taxation e.) tribute
- 10.) In the sororate:
- a widow marries her deceased husband's father
 - a widower marries his deceased wife's mother
 - a widower marries his deceased wife's sister
 - a widow marries her deceased husband's brother
 - there is no remarriage; the widow is burnt on the funeral pyre of her dead husband. This is a case of "strict," not "serial," monogamy
- 11.) A corporate descent group in which one cannot trace all of one's genealogical links back to the founder, that is, one must "stipulate" descent is called a(n):
- Sib
 - Phratry
 - Moeity
 - Lineage
 - Clan

- 12.) The ancient Inca Empire of Peru utilized a unique "memory-aid" device in lieu of writing. It was called a[n]:
- Quipu*
 - Abacus*
 - Rebus Writing
 - Samzidat*
 - Heiroglyph
- 13.) The "blending-in" of individuals who have left their own natal culture and moved to another is produced by:
- diffusion
 - immigration
 - enculturation
 - Inigration
 - modernization
- 14.) What does the Yanomamo Indian man call the man he is trading a palmwood bow for a palmwood bow with during the last part of the movie The Feast?
- "blood brother"
 - "stingyone"
 - "cross-cousin"
 - "brother-in-law"
 - "#\$%&*!!"
- 15.) The social implications of human sexual dimorphism and psychology means that ...
- females compete with other females for access to males
 - polyandry is common in matriarchal societies like the Nuer
 - the prolonged absence of males is a rarity since it reduces their "reproductive fitness"
 - polygyny is ~ rare, and where found is likely to be of the form of "fraternal polygyny"
 - polyandry is not a common form of marriage
- 16.) The earliest phase of European Expansion into the non-Western world was associated with which form of the following types of economic organization?
- socialism
 - capitalism
 - mercantilism
 - communism
 - imperialism
- 17.) Wormsley mentions that one common form of forced labor in the copra plantations on the coast of New Guinea was called:
- slavery
 - abduction
 - corvee
 - apprenticeship
 - black-birding

- 18.) The discovery of nuclear fission is an important innovation of the 20th century.
- True
 - False
- 19.) If I travel to your land and discover that you are playing a new game, like soccer, and then go back to my people and institute a not-very-close copy of the game, that is an example of:
- independent invention
 - convergence
 - stimulus diffusion
 - site-unit intrusion
 - parallel evolution
- 20.) The tendency for the most wealthy post-industrial First World societies to go into negative population growth, unlike many Third World societies, is because they have passed the "demographic transition".
- True
 - False
- 21.) If "it slices, it dices, it purees and it puts out the cat" and only costs \$19.95 in the late-night commercials on TV, the gadget is probably a(n):
- Invention
 - Innovation
 - Novelty
 - Discovery
 - Precocious Find
- 22.) A key factor in modern trade is
- the "Hermes" Factor
 - artificial scarcity, choosing not to make something that one could fabricate as an excuse to trade with others who make it
 - delocalization
 - trade networks and trading partners
 - commodities, things which are never traded in bulk but are instead the object of long-distance, prestige trade
- 23.) The Dani, of the film *-Dead Birds-* practice horticulture.
- terrace
 - wet-rice
 - hydroponic
 - drip irrigation
 - ridged field
- 24.) The competitive feasting of the Indians of the Northwest Coast is called the:
- ani hēati (lit., "big drinking")
 - potlatch
 - wan kanike (lit., "pig treasure")
 - luau (the "earth oven")
 - jajmani system
- 25.) Both the pig feasts of the Dani, the Imbonggu and the feasts of the Yanomamo are examples of _____.
- silent trade
 - barter
 - circulating market exchanges
 - stratified redistribution
 - egalitarian redistribution

26.) Choose the economic relationship that results from a particular social relationship according to modern Western culture:

- a.) young child-parent=balanced reciprocity
- b.) adult offspring-parent=generalized reciprocity
- c.) adult offspring-elderly parent=generalized reciprocity
- d.) adult siblings-each other=negative reciprocity
- e.) niece-aunt=negative reciprocity

27.) The dowry, compensation to the woman for her loss of patrimony, is the European counterpart of bride wealth.

- a.) True
- b.) False

28.) In the film *The Cows of Dolo Kern Paye*, which person had the most power in the sense that he determined the punishment for the offense?

- a.) the quarter elder
- b.) b.) the clan chief
- c.) the association of plain farmers
- d.) the paramount chief
- f.) the President of Liberia

29.) The mechanism whereby if one's religion produces empirical statements that appear to "work" in the real world of subsistence or other physical domains, then one will tend to believe that religion's non-empirical statements is called:

- a.) a Millenarian viewpoint
- b.) a Messianic perspective
- c.) ritual regulation
- d.) spirit possession
- e.) sacred technology

30.) Based on the film *The Feast*, place the steps in creating a marital alliance with another Yanomamo village in chronological order:

- I. the cessation of hostilities because of mutual interest
 - II. feasting
 - III. trading goods
 - IV. planing and conducting a conjoint raid
- a.) IV, I, III, II
 - b.) I, II, IV, III
 - c.) I, II, III, IV
 - d.) I, III, IV, II
 - e.) III, II, I, IV

31.) Egalitarian societies are the most likely to be monotheistic.

- a.) True
- b.) b.) False

32.) "Hypergamy" perpetuates a caste system.

- a.) True
- b.) b.) False

- 33.) Trobriand Cricket is an example of:
- culture shock
 - a communal work party
 - cultural death
 - religious conversion
 - syncretism
- 34.) According to William Wormsley the Imbonggu practice:
- bride capture
 - brideprice
 - bridewealth
 - dowry
 - elopement
- 35.) The use of the interpreter by "Old Man David" in the film, The Cows of Dolo Kem Paye:
- was necessary because he did not speak the local language, Kpelle
 - was required by law since he was a licensed "ordeal operator"
 - added to the prestige and effectiveness of his status
 - both **h** and **c** are correct
 - none** of the above are correct
- 36.) The 19th cen. unilineal British anthropologist who devised a name for the supernatural concept of "animism" was:
- Malinowski
 - Homans
 - Frazer
 - Radcliffe-Brown
 - Tylor
- 37.) When the magician sent the clouds on their way with a ritualized act of blowing at the sky in the film *Trobriand Cricket*, he was engaged in. ...
- sympathetic magic
 - bewitchment
 - contagious magic
 - ceremony
 - a "conditional curse"
- 38.) "Society must offer unequal rewards for unequal talents and efforts so that the most talented people will have an incentive to work" is an example of which of the following theories?
- evolutionary theory
 - conflict theory
 - functionalist theory
 - secular theory
 - socio-biological theory
- 39.) One of the first thing the missionaries did when they arrived among the Imbi was to:
- destroy the "skullhouse"
 - forbid the use of pork because they were 7th Day Adventists
 - married all the couples in a formal church wedding to replace their "living in sin"
 - educate only the women as they were appalled by how badly they were being treated
 - equate the Christian God with the indigenous belief in *balus* as a method of converting them better

- 40.) A central problem among New Guinea highlanders, like the Imbi, is the "war of the sexes", termed anthropologically as the "sexual antagonism complex". The key episode of "banishing Peni" revolves around one cultural belief that reinforces the spatial segregation of the genders in this stone age tribe. That belief is an extreme concern for:
- lactation taboos
 - post-partum food taboos
 - taboos on mentioning the names of the dead
 - menstrual taboos
 - taboos on conversation with "potential wives," MBD (Matrilateral Cross-Cousin, the "Mother's Brother's Daughter")
- 41.) The cultural institutions of the *Sempua* in Taiwan and the *Kibbutz* in Israel have what feature in common?
- poor families selling their children to rich families
 - communal farming and child-rearing
 - unrelated children who grow up almost like siblings
 - exogamy
 - "royal incest"
- 42.) In the film *The Cows of Dolo Kern Paye*, the method used in settling the dispute over the killing of the calf was:
- trial by combat using the " gauntlet," hence our term " running the gauntlet "
 - a jury of peers
 - the payment of "blood money, " or *wiergild*
 - the hot knife ordeal*
 - e.) a feud*
- 43.) An "otiose" deity is a supreme god who is not . . .
- the only form of supreme being found in tribal societies
 - a philosophical necessity to explain the beginning of time
 - absent from the lives of his believers
 - prayed to
 - nameless
- 44.) Beliefs as to the origin, nature and fate of the world and all the beings, physical and spiritual, that inhabit it is:
- Cosmology
 - Mythology
 - Empiricism
 - History
 - Folktales
- 45.) Movements like the Cargo cults of Melanesia are:
- World Religions
 - Oracles
 - Pilgrimage sites
 - Millennarian movements
 - Ecclesiastical cults

46.) The Dani myth you heard narrated at the beginning of the film *Dead Birds* that explains the origin of death was the story of:

- a.) two magical twins, the foolish younger one causing death by letting it out of a closed bag that the Sun God had placed it in to protect mankind
- b.) a woman who let herself be seduced by an animal spirit and was therefore forced into infanticide by her enraged relatives
- c.) a race between a bird and a snake in which the bird won
- d.) the Moon who, jealous over the adulation people were giving his rival, the Sun, sent death to mankind
- e.) a dead bird that had been tied to a stake to lure the Vulture God to earth and thereby introduce death so that he could feed on carrion

47.) Shamans have indirect contact with the supernatural whereas priests have direct contact by virtue of their ordination and role as the defender of orthodoxy.

- a.) True
- b.) False

48.) An object believed to be inhabited by a spirit is known as a(n):

- a.) amulet
- b.) talisman
- c.) fetish
- d.) totem
- e.) icon

49.) People comply with what authority figures want them to do because they feel a moral obligation to do so

- a.) True
- b.) b.) False
- c.)

50.) In the film *The Cows of Dolo Kern Paye* the "Paramount Chief" was Samuel Paye, the son of Dolo Kern Paye, the former Paramount Chief, thus illustrating the stability of traditional chiefdom statuses.

- a.) True
- b.) False

