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Multiple Choice

1. A cognitive definition of culture focuses on which of the following?

- A) The way that individuals process information based on their upbringing
- B) Shared patterns of interpretation among a group or society
- C) The links between behavior and thought
- D) The way thought processes change through the life course

Ans: B

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2. A symbolic definition of culture focuses on which of the following?

- A) The symbols people from different cultures use in the items they produce
- B) The types of media and art produced by a given culture
- C) Behavior used to symbolize something
- D) The integration of behavior and meaning as a kind of ongoing text

Ans: D

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3. A materialist definition of culture focuses on which of the following?

- A) A shared system of beliefs that lead to economic practices and technologies
- B) Economic practices and technologies that lead to a system of shared beliefs
- C) The material items produced by a culture
- D) The relationships between cultural objects and the materials used to make them

Ans: B

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4. An ideological definition of culture focuses on which of the following?

- A) The set of core ideas that make up a culture
- B) The range of political ideologies in a given culture
- C) Culture as a system of belief and practice in support of a particular structure of power
- D) Culture as a system of belief and practice in support of a core set of ideas

Ans: C

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5. A linguistic definition of culture focuses on which of the following?

- A) The degree to which people of a specific culture share language
- B) The idea that language is a structure that shapes shared patterns of thought and interpretation
- C) The idea that language is a structure that shapes the kinds of music (sounds) prevalent in a particular

D) The variations of language that develop over the life course

Ans: B

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6. Saying that culture is connected to the social ecology of a particular society refers to which of the following?

A) Cultural patterns interact with individual, group, community, societal and political-economic levels

B) Cultural patterns exist in tandem with the plant and animal ecologies that surround them

C) Cultural patterns are influenced by the physical environment around them

D) Cultural patterns include all biological phenomena – plant, animal, genetic, cellular, etc .

Ans: A

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Multiple Response

1. Most definitions of culture include which of the following concepts (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)?

A) Culture is learned and shared among a group of people

B) Culture integrates multiple aspects of society

C) Culture refers to the degree to which people in a society know about art and literature

D) Culture is transmitted over time

Ans: A, B, C

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2. Which of the following are good examples of the biocultural nature of human beings?

A) All human societies cultivate plants as part of their food system

B) Cultural groups categorize some biological matter as edible and some as not edible, and these categorizations vary across cultures

C) All cultural groups have unique concepts about the biological world

D) Cultural groups categorize biological symptoms in different ways

Ans: B, D

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True/False

1. True or False? The term biocultural refers to the way in which culture shapes how we interpret and react to our biological selves.

Ans: True

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2. Culture may include concepts of appropriate body image, and these may be gendered. Yet with some exceptions, most cultures value thinner body profiles for females.

Ans: False

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