

EXAM QUESTION EXAMPLES

A. The cultural determinism of the Sapir-Whorf Hypothesis suggests that our culture influences our perception of the world and conditions us to behave in certain ways. Which of the following statements contrasts with this view?

1. Culture filters our experience.
2. Culture is our memetic software.
3. Culture guides our proper behavior.
4. Culture is a fashion which we adopt and change.

B. In one culture, X, the people almost always eat apples with a knife and fork, and in another culture, Y, the people almost always eat apples with their hands.

When eating an apple, we might say that _____.

1. the cultural taboos of X and Y are the same
2. the cultural norm of X is a cultural taboo for Y
3. the cultural norm of X is a cultural emblem of Y
4. the cultural norm of X is different from the cultural norm of Y

C. Studies of animal _____ do not involve left-right differences.

1. chirality
2. laterality
3. handedness
4. pigmentation

D. In the _____ cognatic descent system, the "social relatives" (i.e., the "kin") are the same as the "biological relatives" (i.e., the people who share DNA)?

1. bilineal (or dual)
2. parallel
3. ambilineal
4. bilateral

E. The Japanese system of kin names is most similar to _____.

1. the Crow system
2. the Omaha system
3. the Eskimo system
4. the Hawaiian system