

# **TEST ITEM FILE**

**to accompany**

# **RACIAL AND ETHNIC DIVERSITY IN THE USA**

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**CHAPTER 1**  
**EXPLORING RACE AND ETHNICITY IN THE UNITED STATES**

**MULTIPLE-CHOICE QUESTIONS**

1) What percent of the population is comprised of Somalis?

- A) 15%
- B) 3%
- C) 10%
- D) 5%

Answer: A      Page Ref: 2

2) According to Table 1.1, about what percent of the population were racial minorities; including Hispanics?

- A) 21%
- B) 11%
- C) 36%
- D) 16%

Answer: C      Page Ref. 3

3) With the re-election of the nation's first African-American president, one might declare racial inequality as a thing of the past, especially considering he carried how many states of the former confederacy?

- A) 1
- B) 3
- C) 5
- D) 12

Answer: B      Page Ref: 3

4) In 2011, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ babies outnumbered White new-born babies for the first time in the United States.

- A) Non-White; Black
- B) Black; White
- C) Latino; non-White
- D) Hispanic; Latinos

Answer: C      Page Ref: 4

5. A minority group is

- A. numerically smaller than the dominant group
- B. less powerful than the dominant group
- C. more powerful than the dominant group
- D. A and C

Answer: B      Page Ref: 4

6) What percentage of the population is male?

- A) 39.3%
- B) 59.7%
- C) 49.3%
- D) 50.7%

Answer: C      Page Ref: 5

7. Which of the following best describes the subordination of minority groups?

- A) narrowing of life's opportunities
- B) inability to rule over society
- C) does not share in what the majority defines as valuable
- D) all of the above

Answer: D Page Ref: 4

8) Which of the following is not one of the five characteristics of minority groups?

- A) shares same physical or cultural characteristics of dominant group
- B) membership is not voluntary
- C) members generally marry others from same minority group
- D) members have a strong sense of group solidarity

Answer: A Page Ref: 5

9) By in-group, William Sumner means

- A) a group immigrating into the country
- B) the dominant group
- C) the group to which an individual belongs and feels loyalty
- D) the reference group others imitate

Answer: C Page Ref: 5

10) Which of the following best exemplifies a marital arrangement among members of a minority group?

- A) Asian male and African American female
- B) Amish male and Buddhist female
- C) Jewish male and Jewish female
- D) Muslim male and Muslim female

Answer: D Page Ref: 5

11) Which of the following is not one of the four main types of minority or subordinate groups?

- A) Racial
- B) Religious
- C) Sex
- D) Age

Answer: D Page Ref: 5

12) Which of the following categories differs from the rest?

- A) Puerto Ricans and Cubans
- B) Irish Americans and Polish Americans
- C) Korean Americans and Pacific Islanders
- D) Whites and Blacks

Answer: D Page Ref: 7

13) Who was the first African American to earn a doctorate at Harvard?

- A) Martin Luther King, Jr.
- B) W.E.B Du Bois
- C) William Sumner
- D) Max Weber

Answer: B Page Ref: 7

14) Which of the following is the largest minority religious group?

- A) Roman Catholics
- B) Amish
- C) Buddhists
- D) Muslim

Answer: A Page Ref: 7

15) Mary believes that Caucasian families are superior to African American families. This belief illustrates the concept of

- A) racial division
- B) racial supremacy
- C) racial relativism
- D) racial formation

Answer: B Page Ref: 11

16) Race is significant in our society because

- A) there is a direct correlation between one's race and one's IQ
- B) it helps us understand what group we belong to
- C) we have given it significance
- D) it dictates who we can and cannot marry

Answer: C Page Ref: 11

17) According to the text, a socio-historical process by which racial categories are created, inhabited, transformed, and destroyed is called

- A) racial formation
- B) racial supremacy
- C) racial tribulation
- D) racial segregation

Answer: A Page Ref: 11-12

18) In the 2010 Census, what percent of the population selected two or more racial groups?

- A) 1.8%
- B) 2.9%
- C) 1.3%
- D) 1.9%

Answer: B Page Ref: 13

19) Which of the following is not an example of marginality?

- A) Amish mother and Jewish father
- B) Guatemalan who migrated to America
- C) Mormon mother and Christian father
- D) African American who moved from Detroit to Atlanta
- E) C and D

Answer: D Page Ref: 14

20. According to the text, a structured ranking of entire groups of people that perpetuates unequal rewards and power in a society is known as the hierarchy of

- A) gender
- B) race
- C) stratification
- D) class

Answer: C Page Ref: 15

21) The functionalist perspective emphasizes

- A) ritualistic patterns of behavior
- B) structural inequalities
- C) statuses and status sets
- D) interdependent societal parts

Answer: D Page Ref: 15-16

22) What perspective viewed society as an arena of inequality?

- A) functionalist
- B) conflict
- C) socio-biological
- D) labeling

Answer: B Page Ref: 16

23) Which perspective did Becker introduce to explain why certain people are viewed as deviant and others engaging in the same behavior are not?

- A) functionalist
- B) conflict
- C) socio-biological
- D) labeling

Answer: D Page Ref: 17

24) Which of the following statements is true?

- A) Stereotypes do take individual differences into account.
- B) Stereotypes are reliable generalizations about all members of a group.
- C) Stereotypes highlight the positive attributes of every person.
- D) None of the above

Answer: D Page Ref: 17

25) A subordinate group emerges through migration, annexation, and \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) assimilation
- B) colonialism
- C) ethnocentrism
- D) ethnic antagonism

Answer: B Page Ref: 19

26) Migration is the general term used to describe any transfer of population. \_\_\_\_\_ describes leaving a country to settle in another; \_\_\_\_\_ denotes coming into the new country.

- A) Emigration; immigration
- B) Immigration; emigration
- C) Annexation; assimilation
- D) Immigration; assimilation

Answer: A Page Ref: 19

27) Wallerstein's world systems theory draws on which perspective?

- A) labeling
- B) conflict
- C) functionalism
- D) socio-biological

Answer: B Page Ref: 21

28) Which of the following is not one of the six consequences of subordinate-group status?

- A) expulsion
- B) segregation
- C) colonialism
- D) fusion

Answer: C Page Ref: 21

29) How many European Jews and other ethnic minorities were killed in the Holocaust?

- A) 2 million
- B) 12 million
- C) 22 million
- D) 32 million

Answer: B Page Ref: 21

30) European colonial powers in North America and eventually the US government drove almost all Native Americans out of their tribal lands and into unfamiliar territory. This is an example of

- A) secession
- B) expulsion
- C) segregation
- D) extermination

Answer: B Page Ref: 22

31) In 1947, India was partitioned and which country was created?

- A) Great Britain
- B) Yugoslavia
- C) Pakistan
- D) Israel

Answer: C Page Ref: 23

32) Which of the following is the correct matching?

- A) assimilation:  $A+B+C \rightarrow A$
- B) fusion:  $A+B+C \rightarrow D$
- C) pluralism:  $A+B+C \rightarrow A+B+C$
- D) all of the above

Answer: D Page Ref: 27

33) In 2008, what percent of the population (over age 5) spoke a language other than English at home?

- A) almost 10%
- B) almost 20%
- C) almost 15%
- D) almost 25%

Answer: B Page Ref: 28

34) What racial group has more than doubled in the last 20 years?

- A) Native Americans
- B) Asian Americans
- C) Hispanics
- D) African Americans

Answer: C Page Ref: 30

35) What perspective views discrimination as both functional and dysfunctional?

- A) conflict
- B) functionalist
- C) labeling
- D) socio-biological

Answer: B Page Ref: 15-16

### **SHORT-ANSWER QUESTIONS**

1) List and discuss the five characteristics of a minority or subordinate group.

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2) List and discuss the four criteria for classifying minority groups.

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3) List and discuss the three main theoretical perspectives. How are they similar? How are they different?

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4) Explain the ways in which a subordinate group emerges in our society. How does globalization contribute to this process?

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5) List and discuss the six consequences of subordinate-group status.

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