

Unequal Relations, 7th ed. (Fleras)

CHAPTER 2

THE POLITICS OF RACE

Multiple Choice

MC 2-1

According to the text, which of the following is the only logical conclusion consistent with the survey results of the Kingston Police Services Study on racial profiling?

- a. Young black males commit more crime
- b. Young black males are more likely to be stopped by the police
- c. The police engage in racial profiling of young black males.
- d. Young white males are more stopped more frequently based on their proportion of the population.

Answer: b

Difficulty: 3

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MC 2-2

According to the text, why does race matter in Canada?

- a. Because race is biologically real
- b. Because race can be scientifically measured.
- c. Because people believe its real and act accordingly
- d. Because Canada is a colour-blind society.

Answer: c

Difficulty: 1

Answer: 34

MC 2-3

According to the text, references to race must avoid dismissing it as purely fictional without falling into the trap of _____ it as definitive category.

- a. dismissing
- b. defining
- c. reifying
- d. relativizing

Answer: c

Difficulty: 2

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MC 2-4

What is the name of the theorem that explicitly says: "Phenomena do not have to be real to be real in their consequences"?

- a. Marxism

- b. Eugenics
- c. Thomas
- d. Scientific racism

Answer: c
 Difficulty: 1
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MC 2-5

What do we call the process when the focus of the race concept shifts from a 'thing' to that of a 'process' involving the power of some to impose labels on others?

- a. liberal universalism
- b. racialization
- c. race typology
- d. eugenics

Answer: b
 Difficulty: 1
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MC 2-6

The process by which the same incident is interpreted in fundamentally different ways based on people's social location in society is known as _____

- a. racialization
- b. racial profiling
- c. Rashomon effect
- d. Collective redefinition

Answer: c
 Difficulty: 2
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MC 2-7

The Human Genome Project in 2000 concluded what many had long suspected: Humans as a species share _____ of their genetic material with each other.

- a. 99.9 percent
- b. 95.5 percent
- c. 91.1 percent
- d. 88.8 percent

Answer: a
 Difficulty: 1
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MC 2-8

The traditional race concept shared a number of key features. Which of the following features does NOT characterize the traditional concept of race?

- a. Race is a social construct

- b. The world can be divided into fixed groups
- c. Racial groups possesses a distinctive set of physical and social characteristics
- d. Racially distinct groups can be arranged in ascending and descending order

Answer: a
Difficulty: 1
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MC 2-9

What do we call a breeding population whose members possess the capacity to reproduce fertile offspring?

- a. Race
- b. Phenotype
- c. Genotype
- d. Species

Answer: d
Difficulty: 1
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MC 2-10

What is the name for a population who's physical and genetic characteristics appear more frequently than in other populations, in part because of relative reproductive isolation?

- a. Race
- b. Species
- c. Genotype
- d. Phenotype

Answer: a
Difficulty: 1
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MC 2-11

According to the case study in whiteness, for purposes of analysis, whiteness should be interpreted as _____.

- a. race
- b. fiction
- c. an empirical reality with measurable qualities
- d. if it were a race

Answer: d
Difficulty: 2
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MC 2-12

There is no such thing as race relations, only relationships that have been framed as racial by those with the power to do so. What do we call this defining process?

- a. Race typology

- b. Racial relations
- c. Racialization
- d. Social Darwinism

Answer: c
Difficulty: 2
Page: 45

MC 2-13

What term describes the tendency to interpret reality from a white point of view as normal and necessary, while non white perspectives are dismissed as irrelevant or inferior?

- a. Cultural relativism
- b. Eurocentrism
- c. Whiteness
- d. Stacking

Answer: b
Difficulty: 1
Page: 47

MC 2-14

According to the text, the concept of race has no empirical validity. Rather, the race concept is properly seen as _____.

- a. a biological construct
- b. a physical construct
- c. a scientific construct
- d. a social construct

Answer: d
Difficulty: 1
Page: 44

MC 2-15

Which era is associated with a commitment to classify and explain the diversity of world's life forms into a single grand scheme?

- a. The Enlightenment
- b. The Age of Exploration
- c. Colonialism
- d. Imperialism

Answer: a
Difficulty: 2
Page: 36

MC 2-16

According to the text, it is more accurate to say _____ minorities rather than racial minorities.

- a. essentialized
- b. visibilized

- c. ethnic
- d. racialized

Answer: d
Difficulty: 1
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MC 2-17

What do we call the classification of human beings into a number of categories?

- a. Race typology
- b. Racialization
- c. Race Relations
- d. Race concept

Answer: a
Difficulty: 2
Page: 42

MC 2-18

What era in European history is usually associated with the emergence and popularity of race thinking?

- a. The Dark Ages
- b. The Feudal Era
- c. The Age of Exploration
- d. The Crusades

Answer: c
Difficulty: 1
Answer: 36

MC 2-19

The text lists three doctrines of racial superiority. Which of the following is NOT included as a doctrine?

- a. scientific racism
- b. eugenics
- c. social Darwinism
- d. racialization

Answer: d
Difficulty: 1
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MC 2-20

What doctrine upheld the belief that races who were better adapted in the struggle for survival would progress up the evolutionary ladder?

- a. Social Darwinism
- b. Eugenics
- c. Scientific Racism

d. Race typology

Answer: a

Difficulty: 1

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MC 2-21

What would you be called if you believed one could improve the quality of the human species by encouraging the ruling classes to reproduce while discouraging the poorer classes from having children?

- a. A Social Darwinist
- b. A Eugenicist
- c. A Scientific Racist
- d. A Racial Typographer

Answer: b

Difficulty: 1

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MC 2-22

A widespread belief that race no longer matters because of all Canadians are equal before law, thanks to the elimination of legal discrimination is known as a ____ society.

- a. Racialized
- b. Colour blind
- c. Race conscious
- d. Non racist

Answer: b

Difficulty: 1

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MC 2-23

What is the name for the racial dogma associated with the testing of intelligence?

- a. Stanford Binet test
- b. The Bell Curve
- c. Scientific Racism
- d. IQ exam

Answer: c

Difficulty: 1

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MC 2-24

What do sociologists call the idea that people's behaviour are defined, determined, and predicted by the group they belong to?

- a. Eugenics
- b. Racialization
- c. Scientific Racism
- d. Essentialism

Answer: d
Difficulty: 1
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MC 2-25

According to a growing number of theorists, including David Theo Goldberg, the modern state is also a _____ state.

- a. Non racial
- b. Pre racial
- c. Racial
- d. Race blind

Answer: c
Difficulty: 1
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Fill in the Blanks

F 2-26

What percentage of genetic material accounts for human diversity according to the Human Genome Project? ____ percent

Answer: .01
Difficulty: 3
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F 2-27

The saying that “phenomena do not have to be real to be real in their consequences” is best expressed in debates over _____

Answer: race
Difficulty: 2
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F 2-28

To how many species does the “human race” belong? _____

Answer: one
Difficulty: 1
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F 2-29

A breeding population whose members possess the capacity to reproduce fertile offspring is called a _____.

Answer: species
Difficulty: 2
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F 2-30

What is the term given to a population whose physical and genetic characteristics appear more frequently than in other populations? _____

Answer: race

Difficulty: 2

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F 2-31

When studying human variation, what do we call references to differences based on less visible attributes such as metabolic rates or blood types? _____

Answer: genotypes

Difficulty: 3

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F 2-32

Race has no biological or scientific validity, but rather must be seen as a _____ construct.

Answer: social

Difficulty: 2

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F 2-33

A transformative shift in thinking about race is in progress. Race is no longer seen as a biological 'thing', but rather race as a socially constructed '_____'.

Answer: process or activity

Difficulty: 2

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F 2-34

What is the name for the process in which social significance is attached to biological features; in turn, biological significance is imposed on social features? _____

Answer: racialization

Difficulty: 3

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F 2-35

According to the text, there is no such thing as race relations, only relationships that have been _____.

Answer: racialized

Difficulty: 2

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F 2-36

Which doctrine borrowed from Darwin's theory of natural selection and applied it to the human

species to account for human differences? _____

Answer: social Darwinism

Difficulty: 1

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F 2-37

What doctrine argued that the human race could be improved through selective reproduction?

Answer: eugenics

Difficulty: 2

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F 2-38

What is the name of the race-based dogma that was associated with the testing of intelligence by means of IQ tests? _____

Answer: Scientific Racism

Difficulty: 2

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F 2-39

The concept that neither reality nor objective truth exists, but only discourses about truth and reality, with the result that people tend to see the world out there in fundamentally different ways depending on where they are socially located is known as the _____ Effect.

Answer: Rashomon

Difficulty: 2

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F 2-40

Race may have once mattered in Canada; however, it no longer matters at present because of Canada's commitment to the principles and practices of a culture-blind society. (true or false)

_____.

Answer: false

Difficulty: 1

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Essay Question

E 2-41

The chapter on the Politics of Race is organized around three major themes, namely, that race once mattered, that it continues to matter, and that it will continue to matter, despite claims of Canada as increasingly a colour-blind and race-neutral society. Indicate the validity of all three assessments by demonstrating the centrality of the race concept in the past, at present, and in the future. (Answer p 32-25, 52-54).