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Study Guide

Chapter 1: Human Geography: A Cultural Approach

Write in the letter that represent the correct or best answer.

- ___ 1. Which term is best defined as “learned collective human behavior” (as opposed to “instinctive/inborn behavior”)?
- regional pattern
 - culture
 - landscape
 - possibilism
- ___ 2. A cultural region inhabited by people who share one or more traits, such as a language or religion, is
- a:
- formal region
 - physical region
 - vernacular region
 - ethnic region
- ___ 3. Which tool used by geographers is essential in the study of regions and elements of culture?
- university archives
 - case studies
 - maps
 - archaeological digs
- ___ 4. People who were born and raised in Atlanta will often describe themselves as being “southern.” “The South” is an example of a:
- land-division pattern
 - migratory pattern
 - vernacular region
 - neighborhood
- ___ 5. The movement of people, ideas, or things from one location outward toward other locations where these items are not initially found is the process of:
- diffusion
 - cultural ecology
 - migration
 - cultural interaction
- ___ 6. The Chinese government has cracked down on many Websites, taking them offline to prevent political dissent. This might be considered a type of:
- time-distance decay
 - cultural diffusion
 - absorbing barrier
 - geographical ground zero

- ___ 7. The study of the interaction between culture and physical environments falls into the category of:
- a. globalization
 - b. mobility
 - c. cultural landscape
 - d. nature-culture
- ___ 8. The belief that cultures are directly or indirectly shaped by the physical environment is called:
- a. possibilism
 - b. environmental determinism
 - c. humans as modifiers of the earth
 - d. environmental perception
- ___ 9. Which assumption is NOT built into the typical U.S. or Canadian house?
- a. the value of individual privacy
 - b. the need for walls to separate rooms
 - c. the idea that different household functions should remain separate
 - d. the expectation that multiple generations will live in the same house
- ___ 10. The Statue of Liberty stands in New York Harbor as a sign of freedom and the welcoming of immigrants. We might say that the Statue of Liberty is a part of the:
- a. religious landscape
 - b. symbolic landscape
 - c. land-division landscape
 - d. functional culture region
- ___ 11. A grouping of similar places, or the functional union of places to form a spatial unit, is a:
- a. state
 - b. country
 - c. region
 - d. continent
- ___ 12. Learned similarities in value systems, ideologies, livelihoods, perceptions, traditions, speech, behavior, and technologies are all a part of:
- a. environmental determinism
 - b. culture
 - c. vernacular language
 - d. morals
- ___ 13. The center of commerce in the Middle Atlantic United States is New York City, with a huge population living both in the city and in its outlying suburbs. Suppose certain cultural traits are very strong in New York City, but grow progressively weaker the further one goes from the city. What pattern may this trait be said to exhibit?
- a. ecological predetermination
 - b. possibilism
 - c. environmental determinism
 - d. core-periphery

- ___ 14. Under which theme of cultural geography is migration best discussed?
- region
 - mobility
 - nature-culture
 - cultural landscape
- ___ 15. Jews fleeing Germany during World War II brought Judaism to many parts of the world. This phenomenon is best described as:
- hierarchical diffusion
 - stimulus diffusion
 - contagious diffusion
 - relocation diffusion
- ___ 16. What view holds that the physical environment offers a number of possible ways for a culture to develop – and is the opposite of environmental determinism?
- adaptive theory
 - environmental perception
 - possibilism
 - humans as modifiers of the earth
- ___ 17. Which of the following is NOT considered a part of the cultural landscape?
- settlement forms
 - land-division patterns
 - architectural styles
 - diffusion patterns
- ___ 18. Mexican restaurants were once very popular in U.S. border states such as California and Texas but took a while to become popular in other regions of the United States. They bypassed certain areas and then became popular in Chicago and the New York–Washington, DC corridor. The rise of Mexican restaurants is a case of:
- hierarchical diffusion
 - contagious diffusion
 - stimulus diffusion
 - expansion diffusion
- ___ 19. The word that connotes a humanistic, subjective, culturally oriented approach to geography is:
- space
 - place
 - model
 - diffusion
- ___ 20. The United States is ranked quite high on the Human Development Index, while Mozambique's rating is quite low. We might say that the United States and Mozambique exhibit:
- uneven development
 - cultural diffusion
 - environmental determinism
 - core-periphery patterns

Short Answer: Complete the following by supplying the required answers.

21. Explain the difference between Environmental Determinism and Possibilism as theories of the nature-culture relationship.

22. Examine the concept of symbolic landscapes. Write a brief description in which you describe one aspect of your culture that may be interpreted as a symbolic landscape. *This question is wide open; the goal is for you to identify part of the symbolic landscape of Aitkin, Aitkin County, Minnesota, or even the United States.*

23. Explain the core-periphery pattern as it relates to regions.

24. Identify the following as being either a formal, functional, or vernacular region.

- a. *Central Business District* _____
- b. *Mountain Range* _____
- c. *the Sunbelt* _____
- d. *a university campus* _____
- e. *salesperson's territory* _____
- f. *Chinatown* _____
- g. *Tropical Rain Forest* _____
- h. *The Brainerd Lakes Region* _____

You are also responsible for all vocabulary terms from the chapter.