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GEOG 220/4 A

“The Human Environment: Place, Space and Identity”

PRACTICE TEST 2

Part 1: Multiple choice questions:

Q1. According to Carl Sauer, the “cultural landscape” is defined as the result of:

- A.** the interaction between a human group and a natural environment
- B. the interaction between an older human group and a younger human group
- C. the domestication of plants and animals and the Columbian Exchange
- D. the slow spread of language from one area to another
- E. The limitations put on human endeavours by the natural environment.

Q2. Which of the following present-day European languages is NOT an Indo-European language:

- A. Icelandic
- B. Romanian
- C. Catalan
- D.** Hungarian
- E. Irish

Q3. According to geographers such as Yi-Fu Tuan, “place” can be more important than “time” to us because

- A. “place” is real, “time” is imaginary
- B. “places” can be purchased but time is “money”
- C. “time” is personal, “place” is general
- D.** “place” concretizes memory.
- E. “place” cannot change, memories change with time.

Q4. The Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao is an example of?

- A. A building that copies local architectural designs

- B. A building designed by a local architect
- C. The importance of the use of local building materials
- D. The use of an older façade to retain the “spirit of place”
- E. A building that tries to evoke “placelessness”**

Q5. The definition of the concept of *place* tells us that it has:

- A. both an objective and subjective meaning**
- B. both a positive and negative meaning
- C. a subjective and divisive meaning
- D. a cognitive and immersive meaning
- E. an interdependent meaning

Q6. When they first encountered the indigenous native peoples of the Gulf of St Lawrence, Basque whalers developed a mutually intelligible language to facilitate trade between the two groups. What is the general name for such a language?

- A. dialect
- B. mother tongue
- C. creole
- D. pidgin**
- E. vernacular

Q7. The language known as *papiementu* (spoken on the Caribbean island of Caracao) was originally developed by the island’s slave population from a mixture of Dutch, English, French, Spanish and a number of African languages. Which of the following words best defines such a language?

- A. dialect**
- B. creole
- C. slang
- D. pidgin
- E. mother tongue

Q8. According to some language scholars, the word “penguin” was first used to describe birds in:

- A. Mauritius
- B. New Zealand
- C. South Africa
- D. Newfoundland**
- E. Antarctica

Q9. According to Yi-Fu Tuan’s book, there are 4 important aspects of topophilia. What are they?

- A. New England, Chesapeake, Appalachian and Mississippi
- B.** Home, memory, sacred places, world of imagination
- C. Houses, food, music, language
- D. Shotgun, log cabins, salt box houses and old cabins
- E. Mountains, deserts, the homes of witches and evil spirits

Q10. The French phrase “ne lache pas la patate” basically means “don’t give up” – in which part of North America would you be most likely to hear this still said?

- A. Métis communities of central Manitoba
- B. Older parts of Detroit, Illinois
- C. Francophone Saskatchewan
- D.** The Cajun parts of Louisiana
- E. The Gaspé peninsula

Q11. The house type known as “the I house” is typical of which North American vernacular architectural region?

- A.** The Mid-Atlantic
- B. The Mississippi Delta
- C. The Great Plains
- D. The Texas Panhandle
- E. The Lower Southern [sometimes called the Lower Tidewater, or the Chesapeake]

Q12. The “shot gun” design of house is believed to have originally come from West Africa, and was diffused into the USA via which island?

- A. Jamaica
- B.** Haiti
- C. Mexico
- D. Trinidad & Tobago
- E. St Vincent

Q13. Which house type is most typical of Vancouver?

- A. Condominium
- B. Adobe “mission”
- C.** Bungalow
- D. The International style
- E. Mail-ordered farm style

Q14. According to cultural geographers such as Terry Jordan, the main reason that European settlers in the USA built log cabins was:

- A. because there were so many trees to use
- B. because log cabins were better able to resist earthquakes
- C. because log cabins were better insulated than brick or stone houses
- D. because European settlers copied the indigenous native groups already there
- E.** Because the European settlers came from places in Europe where log cabins were built

PART 2: House Questions (Please refer to “House Diagrams” below)

HOUSE DIAGRAMS



HOUSE QUESTIONS *(Please refer to attached “Diagram of House Types” above)*

15. Which of the house types shown on the attached “Diagram of House Types” is representative of the vernacular houses found in the Mid-Atlantic region.

- (a) House Type 1
- (b) House Type 2
- (c) House Type 3
- (d) House Type 4
- (e) House Type 5**

16. Which of the house types shown on the attached “Diagram of House Types” is representative of the vernacular houses found in the Chesapeake region (sometime known as the Tidewater, or Lower Southern region)

- (a) House Type 7
- (b) House Type 8
- (c) House Type 9**
- (d) House Type 10
- (e) House Type 11

17. Which of the house types shown on the attached “Diagram of House Types” is representative of the vernacular houses found in the province of Ontario.

- (a) House Type 6**
- (b) House Type 7
- (c) House Type 8
- (d) House Type 9
- (e) House Type 10

18. According to scholars, the original design for the shotgun house may have originated in parts of West Africa. Which is an example of the shotgun house?

- (a) House Type 8**
- (b) House Type 9
- (c) House Type 10
- (d) House Type 11
- (e) House Type 12

19. In terms of local accent, people in the Chesapeake region (sometime known as the Tidewater, or Lower Southern region) pronounced the word “creek” to rhyme with

- (a) “crick”
- (b) “creak”**
- (c) “crack”
- (d) “crook”
- (e) “crook”

PART 3: WORLD MAP QUESTIONS ..

PLEASE RECALL THAT THERE WILL BE ABOUT 10 MAP QUESTIONS.

Examples might be:

1. Where is Liberia (spread of folk houses)
2. Where is Sochi (origin of proto-Indo-European)
3. Where is the island of Haiti (shot-gun house)
4. Where is Vancouver (bungalow)
5. Where is Louisiana (Cajuns)
6. Where are the Cape Verde Islands (origin of some of the slaves of Louisiana)
7. Where is Armenia (origin of proto-Indo-European)
8. Where is Bilbao (site of the Guggenheim Museum designed by Frank Gehry which deliberately tries NOT to reflect the local architecture of its region)..