

**NPTEL MOOCs**  
**Multiple choice questions**  
**Assignment – Week III**

*Answer the following multiple choice questions (1 marks each) 15x1*

1. Who author the book *The Origin of Species*?
  - a) Jean-Baptiste Lamarck
  - b) Charles Darwin**
  - c) Thomas R. Malthus
  - d) Adam Smith
  
2. What does *culture core* connotes?
  - a) The constellation of features which are most closely related to subsistence activities and political arrangements
  - b) The constellation of features which are most closely related to subsistence activities and social arrangements
  - c) The constellation of features which are most closely related to subsistence activities and economic arrangements**
  - d) The constellation of features which are most closely related to subsistence activities and legal arrangements
  
3. Malthus's ideas helped to form the ecological basis for Darwin's theory of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a) Sequence hypothesis
  - b) Natural selection**
  - c) Punctuated equilibrium
  - d) None of the above
  
4. Which of the following describes our modern understanding of ecology?
  - a) The study of the economy, household and plants
  - b) The study of the economy, household and animal organisms**
  - c) The study of the economy, household and all species
  - d) The study of the economy, household and humans

5. Which among the following best characterises Moran's study of soils in the Amazon?
- a) Macro-level ecosystem analysis
  - b) Micro-level ecosystem analysis**
  - c) Meso-level ecosystem analysis
  - d) Macro and micro-level analysis
6. Who is the author of the book *Essay on Population*?
- a) Charles Darwin
  - b) Adam Smith
  - c) Thomas R. Malthus**
  - d) Karl Marx
7. What does global warming mean?
- a) An increase in the average temperature of the sun
  - b) An increase in the average temperature of the ocean water
  - c) An increase in the average temperature of the earth's inner core
  - d) An increase in the average temperature of the earth's surface**
8. Ecological anthropology attempts to?
- a) Provide a determinist explanation of human society and culture as products of adaptation to given environmental conditions
  - b) Provide a materialist explanation of human society and culture as products of adaptation to given environmental conditions**
  - c) Provide an ideological explanation of human society and culture as products of adaptation to given environmental conditions
  - d) Provide an possibilist explanation of human society and culture as products of adaptation to given environmental conditions
9. Julian Steward's idea of cultural ecology was influenced by which of the following communities?
- a) South American indigenous groups**
  - b) South African indigenous groups
  - c) North American indigenous groups
  - d) North African indigenous groups

10. Who among the following has formed new schools of thought, including the ecosystem model, ethnoecology, and historical ecology?

- a) Environmental determinists
- b) Ecological anthropologists**
- c) Ecological economists
- d) Environmental determinists

11. Ecological anthropology is a reaction to \_\_\_\_\_, which is the idea that all objects in nature and experience are representations of the mind.

- a) Realism
- b) Materialism
- c) Idealism**
- d) Functionalism

12. What is cultural differences?

- a) People face different problems in different environments and with different technologies
- b) Every people are different from one another within a given cultural context**
- c) People follow different religions
- d) People believe in different perspective about culture and religion

13. In which stage of human society, one can observe the invention of the plow and use of animal to prepare food?

- a) Agricultural**
- b) Foraging
- c) Pastoral
- d) Industrial

14. The transition from hand based production to use of technology and machine for production is seen in which stage of society?

- a) Agriculture
- b) Foraging (hunting and gathering)
- c) Pastoral

d) Industrial

15. According to Charles Darwin, which among the following determines whether or not a trait is beneficial?

a) Social context

b) Geographical context

c) Cultural context

d) Environmental context