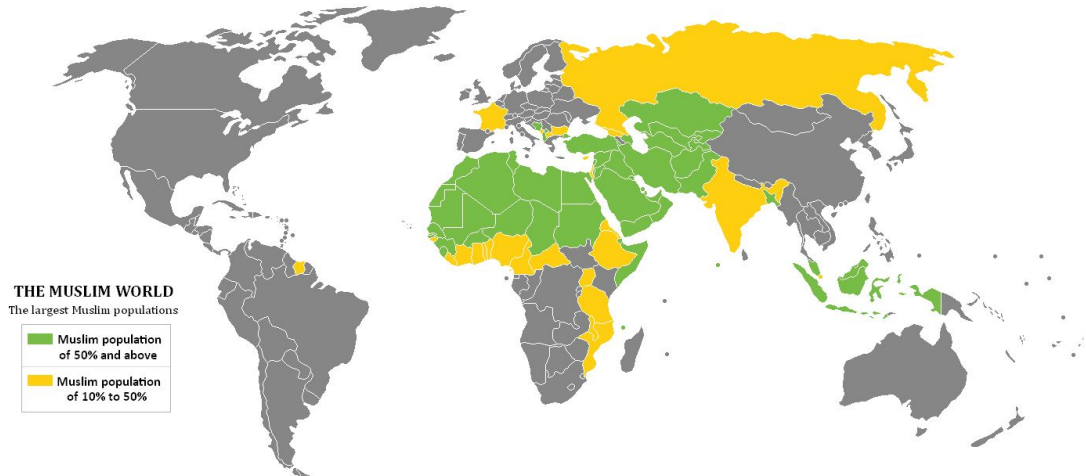


Unit 3: Cultural Patterns and Processes
Multiple Choice Answer Key and Explanations



1. Which of the following statements best illustrates the information being presented in the map above?	
A. Muslims are most prominent in parts of central Africa, Russia and India	This answer is incorrect. Muslims are not as prominent in Russia, central Africa, or India.
B. Islam is the fastest growing religion in the world diffusing from the Middle East	This answer is incorrect. The map above does not show us information that supports this answer.
C. Muslims are most prominent in Northern Africa, Middle East, Indonesia and parts of Western Asia	This answer is correct. We can see when looking at the legend and the map that Muslims are most prominent in these regions.
D. Many christians are converting to Islam due to recent cultural shifts in society	This answer is incorrect. The map above does not show us information that supports this answer.

2. Which of the following statements best describes ethnocentrism?	
A. The practice of judging a culture by its own standard	This answer is incorrect. This statement would best describe cultural relativism.
B. The belief that your culture is racial superior to other cultures	This answer is incorrect. This statement would best describe racism.
C. The process of eliminating minority cultures through acculturation	This answer is incorrect. This statement would best describe forced assimilation or acculturation.
D. The practice of judging a culture by your standards	This answer is correct. This is part of the definition of ethnocentrism.

3. Which of the following is not an example of a universalizing religion?	
A. Christianity	This answer is incorrect. Christianity is a universalizing religion.
B. Islam	This answer is incorrect. Islam is a universalizing religion.
C. Judaism	This answer is correct. Judaism is an ethnic religion.
D. Buddhism	This answer is incorrect. Buddhism is a universalizing religion.

4. COVID-19 originated in Wuhan China, from there it diffused to <u>major urban areas</u> around the world, once in the urban area it started to spread to the local communities. This would best illustrate which type of diffusion?	
A. Expansion	This answer is incorrect. While COVID-19 did spread through expansion diffusion this is not the most correct answer. This answer is not specific enough.
B. Contagious	This answer is incorrect. COVID-19 does spread through communities by contagious diffusion. However, that is not the focus of the prompt above. The information we are focusing on is based on a system of power, through urban areas.
C. Stimulus	This answer is incorrect. The prompt does not give us any information that shows how the virus changed as it diffused through communities.
D. Hierarchical	This answer is correct. The focus of the prompt was on the spread of the virus around the world through urban areas. The focus is on urban areas, which shows diffusion through a system of power.

5. This religion originated in the Punjab region and experienced little diffusion due to the large religions that surrounded it. What religion is being described?	
A. Sikhism	This answer is correct. The Punjab region is the hearth of Sikhism and is where the religion is primarily located today. (Note: Some Sikhs have relocated to other countries around the world)
B. Islam	This answer is incorrect. Islam's hearth is located in the Eastern Mediterranean and diffused around the world.
C. Buddhism	This answer is incorrect. Buddhism's hearth is in South Asia and diffused throughout the region.
D. Hinduism	This answer is incorrect. Hinduism is an ethnic religion that has its hearth located in South Asia. Diffusion was limited due to being an ethnic religion, not because of other religions around it.

6. In 1870 the United States federal government opened boarding schools for Native American children. These schools were designed to teach children American culture over their own culture. This would be an example of _____	
A. Assimilation	This answer is correct. The goal of the schools was for Native American children to forget their culture and fully embrace American culture. This is assimilation.
B. Acculturation	This answer is incorrect. Acculturation is when a culture takes on some cultural traits from another culture but keeps their original culture.
C. Multiculturalism	This answer is incorrect. Multiculturalism is when we have different cultural groups that coexist together.
D. Syncretism	This answer is incorrect. Syncretism is when we have two cultures that interact and the end result is a new culture is formed.

7. Which of the following statements is not a factual statement?	
A. As globalization continues modern culture will continue to spread and indiginous/ ethnic cultures will fade away	This answer is incorrect. Globalization leads to the diffusion of lingua francas, i.e. english, and modern culture which replace folk/indiginous cultures.
B. As time moves on more countries will continue to adopt a lingua franca in order to complete in the global economy	This answer is incorrect. English today is an example of a lingua franca and is one of the world's most widely spoken languages.
C. As globalization continues more countries will practice isolation which will increase creolization	This answer is correct. Today more countries are practicing in the global market, not less. Countries that do practice isolation will reduce the chance of different cultures and languages interacting, thus reducing the chance of creolization.
D. With the advancements of technology distance decay will continue to decrease and the world will see more stimulus expansion	This answer is incorrect. Advancements in technology have allowed us to interact with people and places all over the world.

8. When looking at the recent trends in technology and communications we can expect that in the next 10 years....	
A. The internet will start to slow the diffusion of global cultures	This answer is incorrect. As the internet diffuses it makes it easier for people around the world to become connected, thus promoting global cultures.
B. The amount of isolation in countries will continue to increase as countries resist globalization	This answer is incorrect. The advancements in technology and communication make it more difficult for countries to isolate. Today countries are more connected than ever before.
C. More ethnocentrism will be practiced due to the clashing of cultures over the new connectivity	This answer is incorrect. As people continue to become exposed to different cultures around the world they become more aware of the differences and similarities between their culture and others.
D. We will see more contagious and stimulus diffusion occur as the world becomes more connected	This answer is correct. Advancements in technology and communication have removed barriers that have previously blocked diffusion from occurring. This will lead to more contagious diffusion and stimulus as we see ideas, cultures, and goods diffuse throughout the global community.

9. Which of the following is an example of a cultural landscape?	
A. Desertification occurring in a developing country	This answer is incorrect. This is part of the natural environment and is a consequence of overpopulation.
B. Aztec ruins	This answer is correct. This is an example of sequent occupance, the ruins create a unique cultural landscape.
C. The Redwood forests	This answer is incorrect. This is part of the natural environment and does not reflect the cultural landscape.
D. The harsh climate of Antarctica	This answer is incorrect. This is part of the natural environment and does not reflect the cultural landscape.

10. Which of the following is least likely to be a hearth of global culture?	
A. The United Kingdom	This answer is incorrect. Global culture is most likely to originate in developed countries due to the amount of wealth, global cities, and advancements in technology.
B. France	This answer is incorrect. Global culture is most likely to originate in developed countries due to the amount of wealth, global cities, and advancements in technology.
C. Ethiopia	This answer is correct. Global and modern culture is less likely to originate in a developing country due to a lack of wealth and access to the global community.
D. Australia	This answer is incorrect. Global culture is most likely to originate in developed countries due to the amount of wealth, global cities, and advancements in technology.